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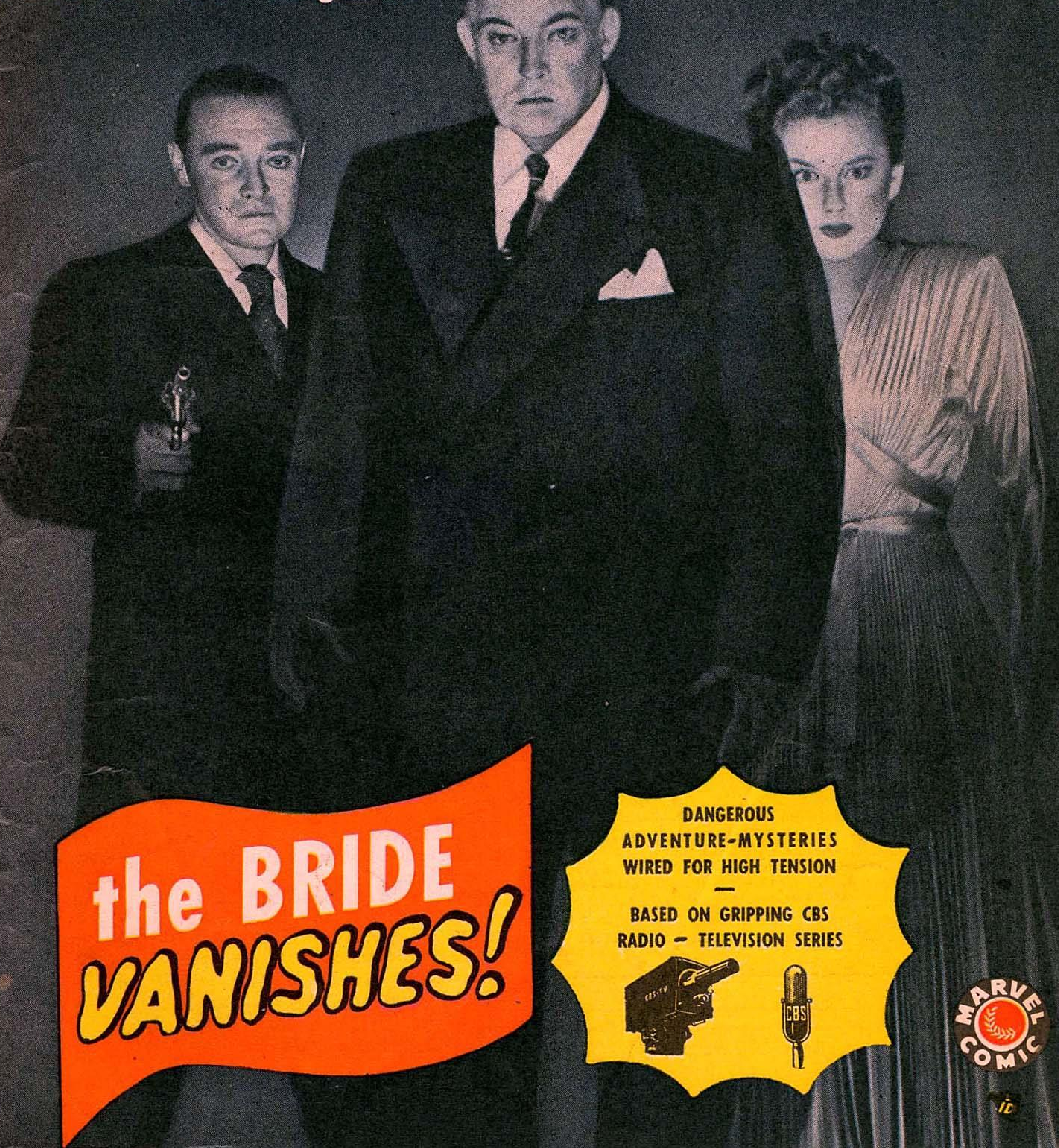

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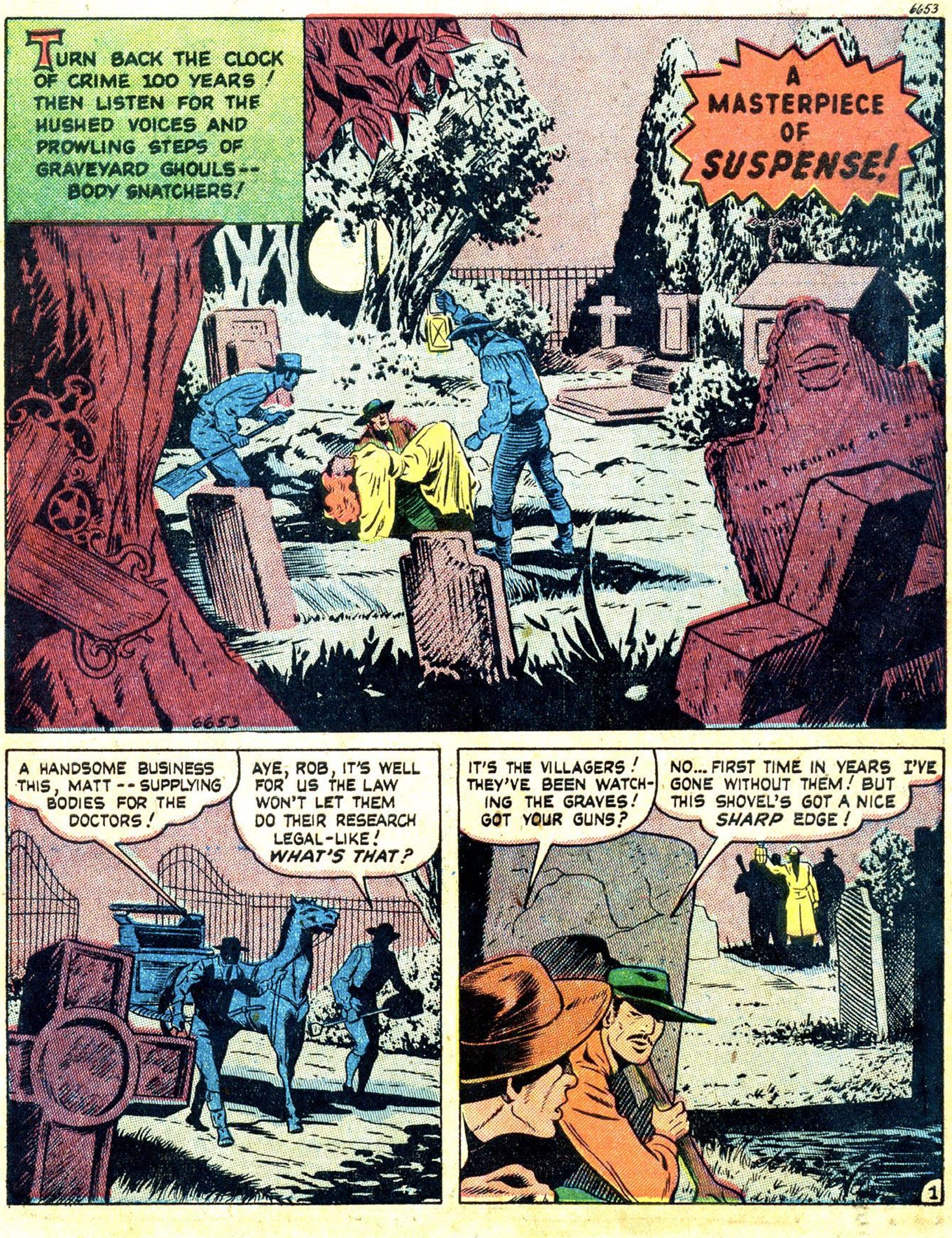
THE GRAVEYARD GHOULS!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TURN BACK THE CLOCK OF CRIME 100 YEARS! THEN LISTEN FOR THE HUSHED VOICES AND PROWLING STEPS OF GRAVEYARD GHOULS-- BODY SNATCHERS!
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A HANDSOME BUSINESS THIS, MATT -- SUPPLYING BODIES FOR THE DOCTORS!
AYE, ROB, IT'S WELL FOR US THE LAW WON'T LET THEM DO THEIR RESEARCH LEGAL-LIKE! WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S THE VILLAGERS! THEY'VE BEEN WATCHING THE GRAVES! GOT YOUR GUNS?
NO... FIRST TIME IN YEARS I'VE GONE WITHOUT THEM! BUT THIS SHOVEL'S GOT A NICE SHARP EDGE!
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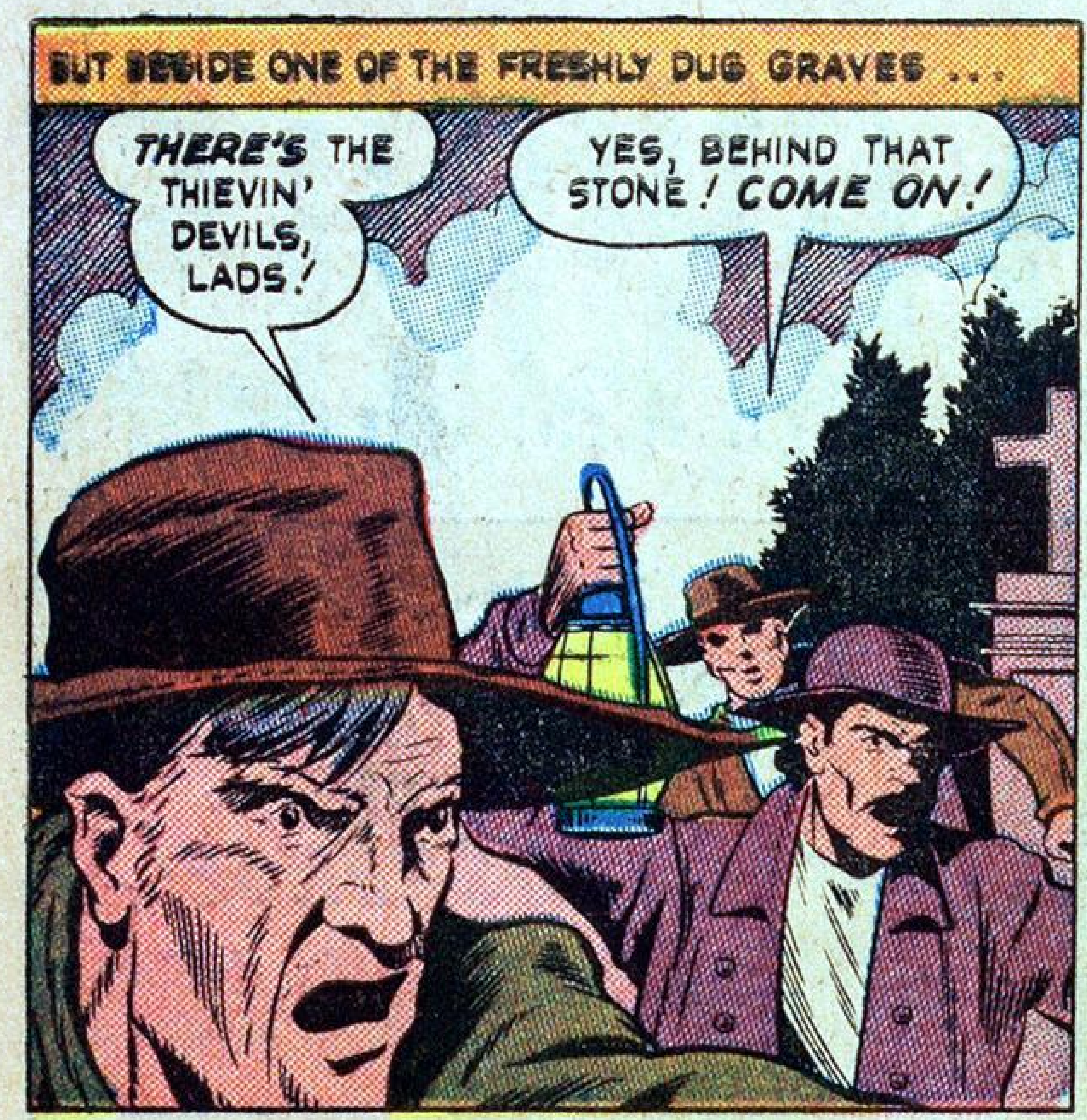
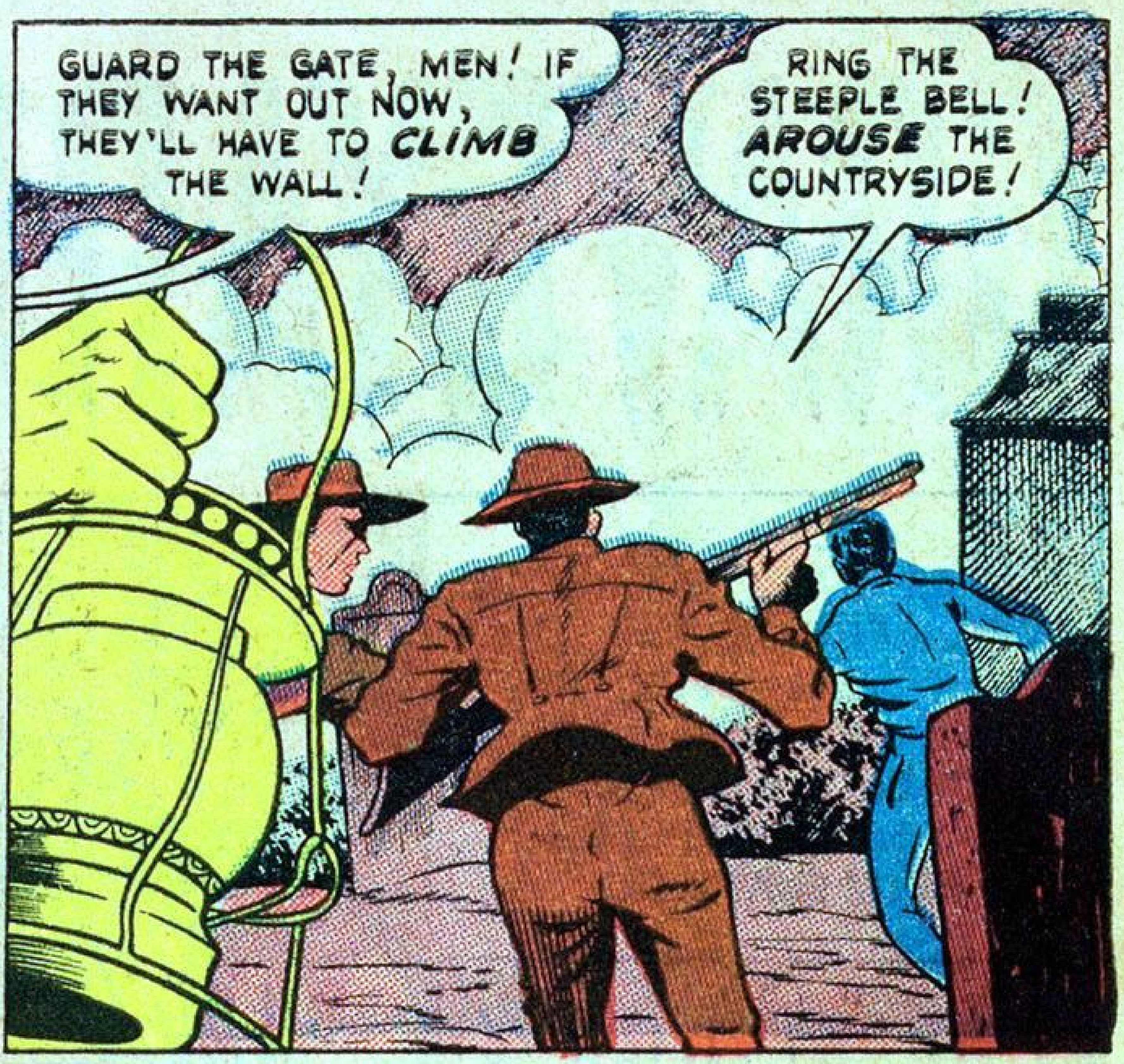
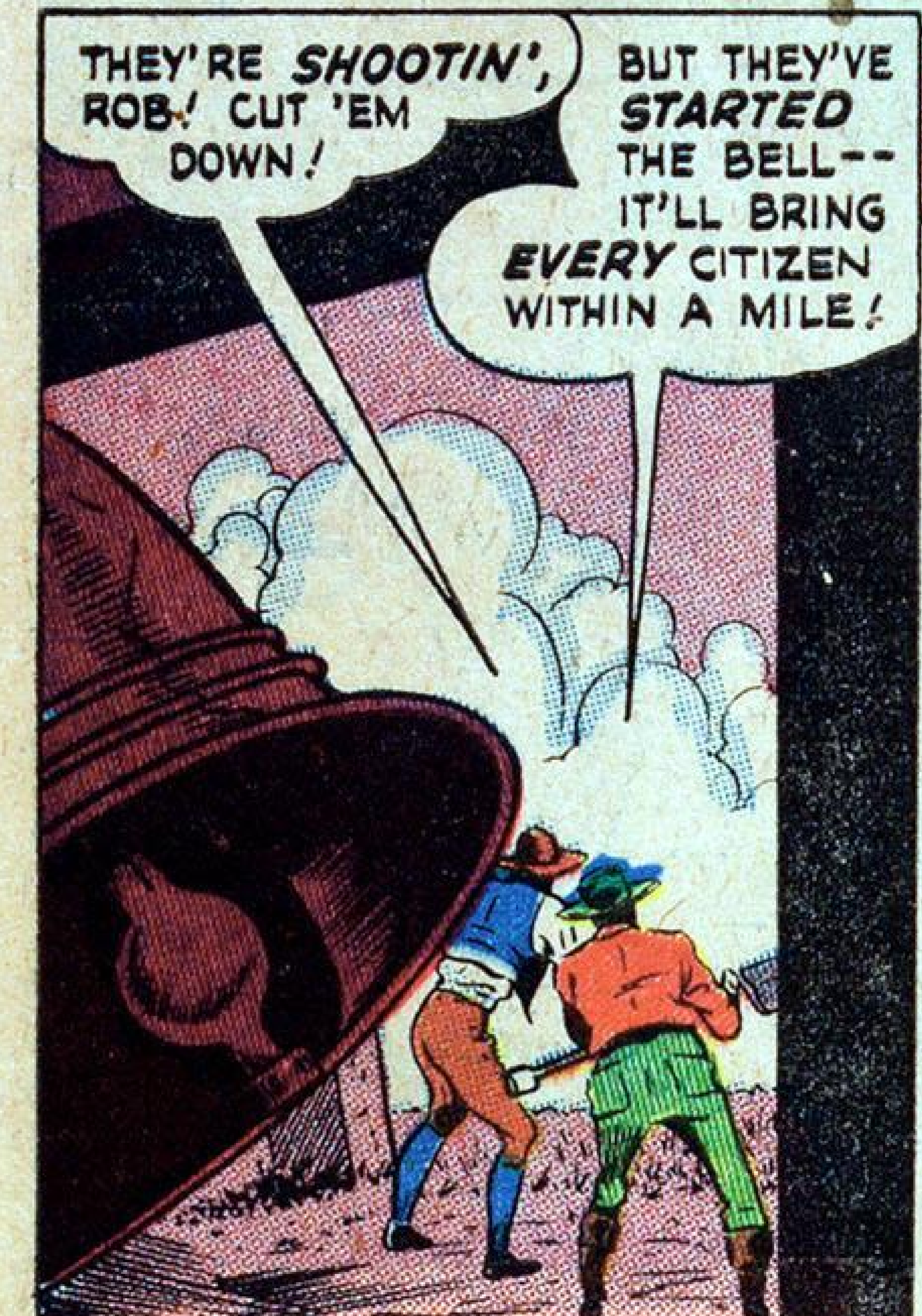
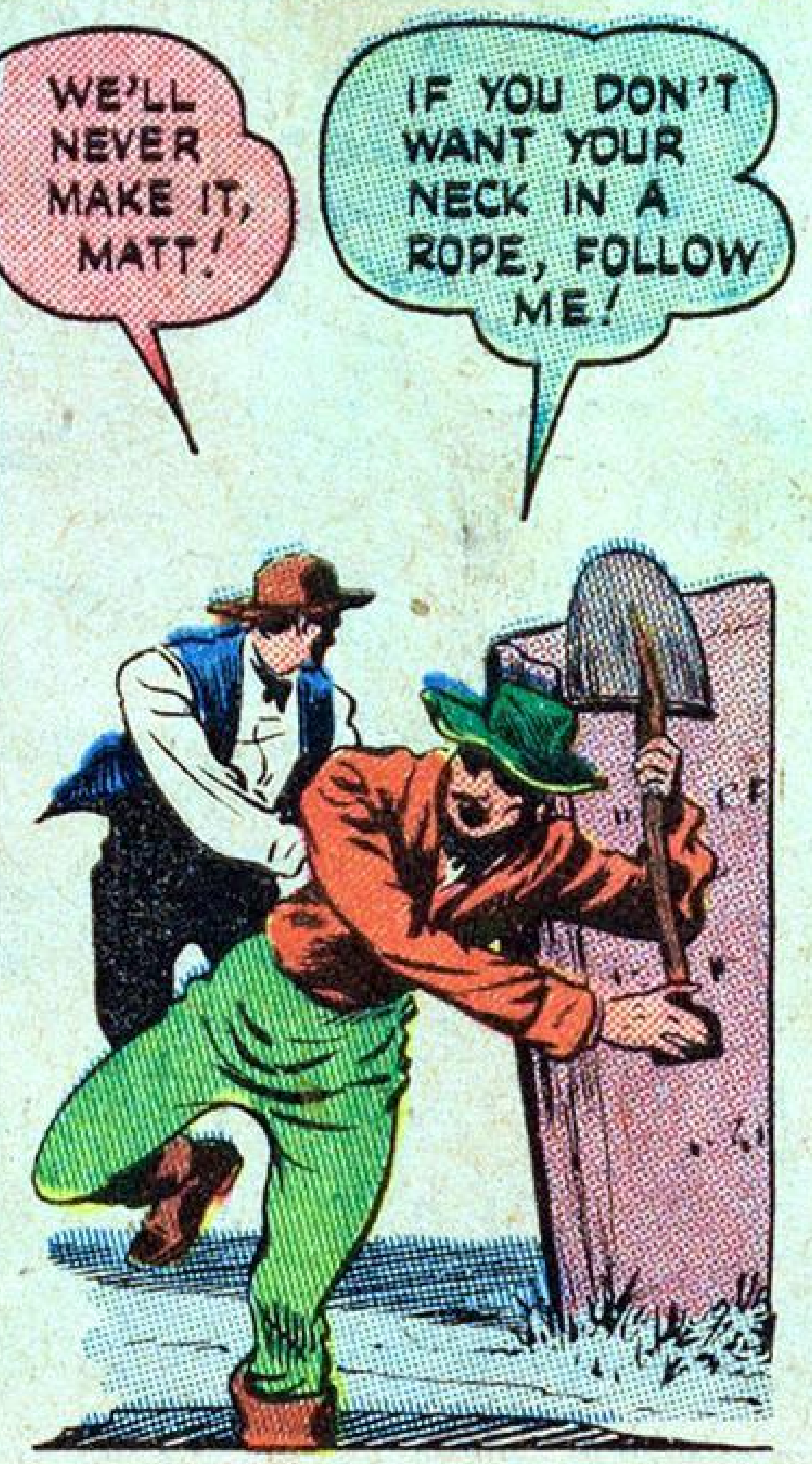
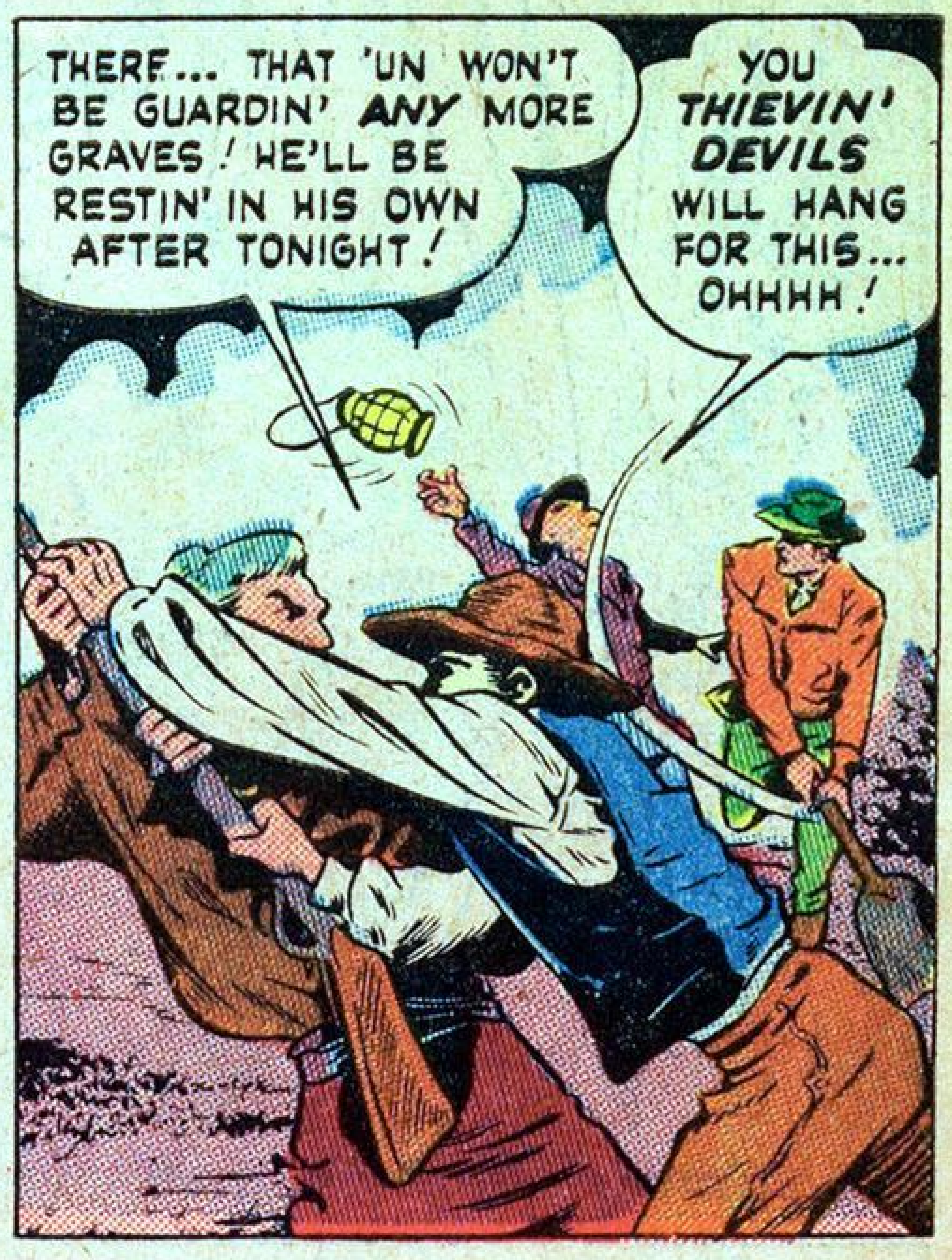
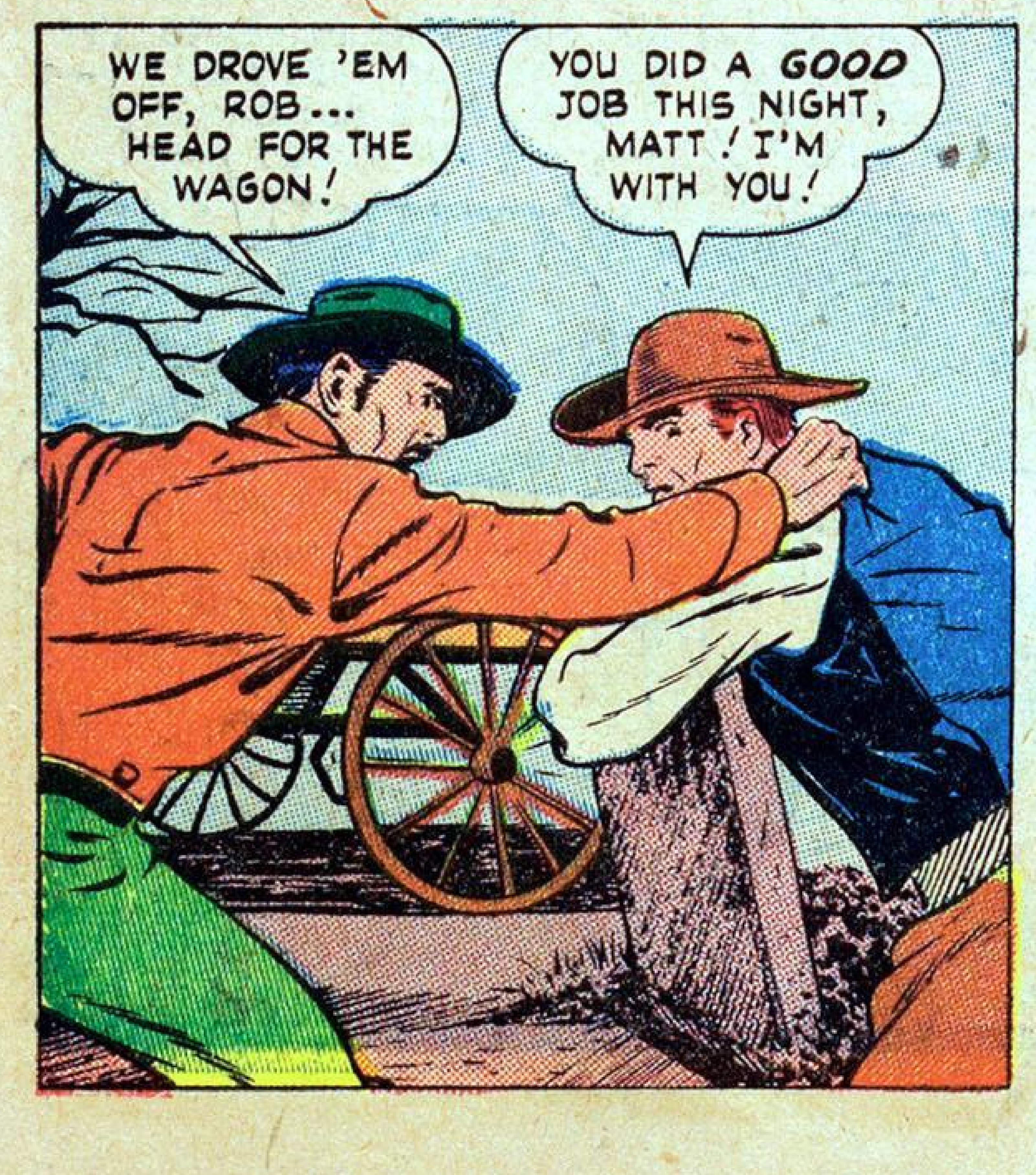

BUT BESIDE ONE OF THE FRESHLY DUG GRAVES ...
THERE'S THE THIEVIN' DEVILS, LADS!
YES, BEHIND THAT STONE! *COME ON!*

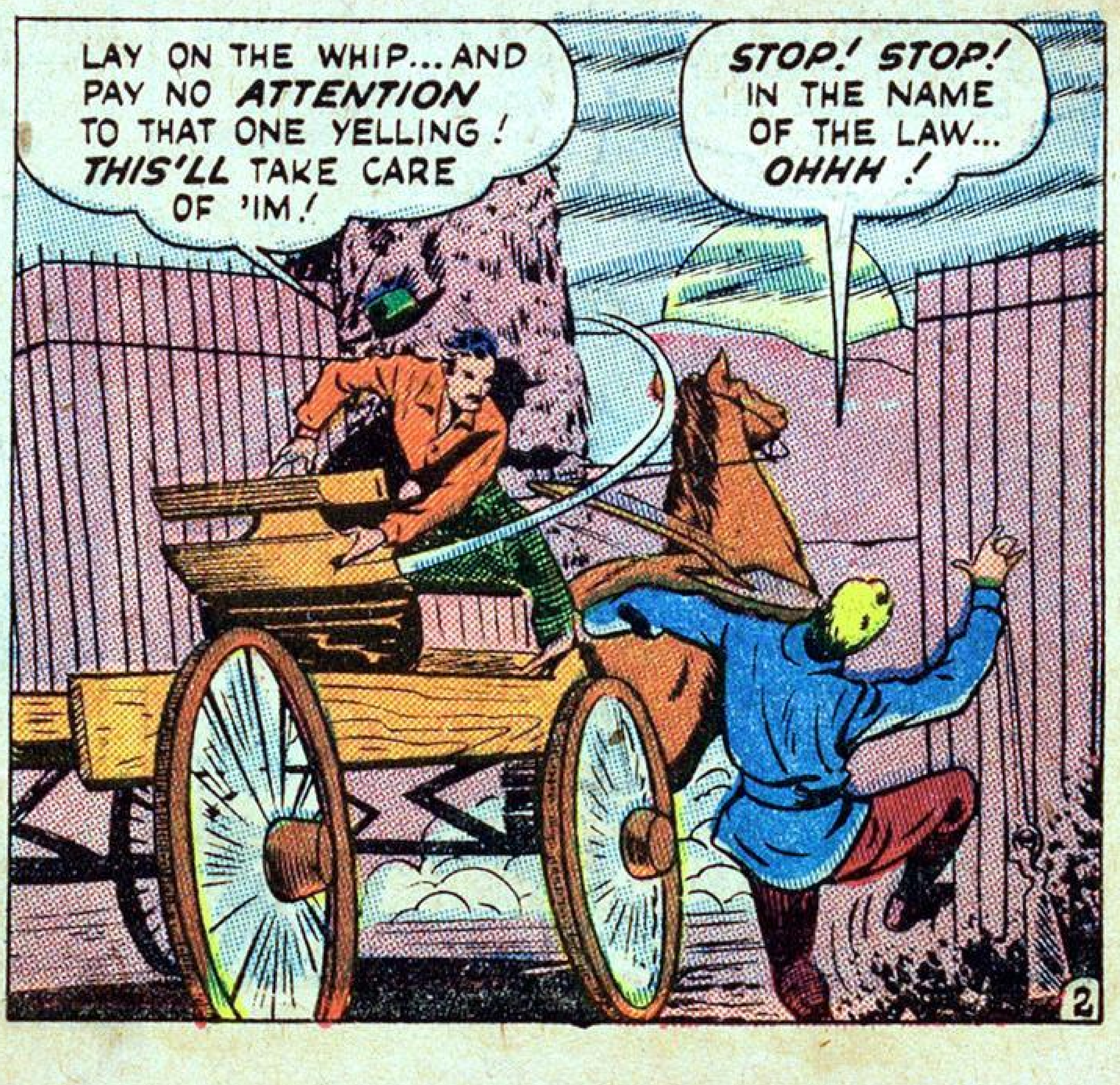

GUARD THE GATE, MEN! IF THEY WANT OUT NOW, THEY'LL HAVE TO *CLIMB* THE WALL!
RING THE STEEPLE BELL! *AROUSE* THE COUNTRYSIDE!


THEY'RE *SHOOTIN'*, ROB! CUT 'EM DOWN!
BUT THEY'VE *STARTED* THE BELL-- IT'LL BRING *EVERY* CITIZEN WITHIN A MILE!


WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT, MATT!
IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR NECK IN A ROPE, FOLLOW ME!


THERE... THAT 'UN WON'T BE GUARDIN' *ANY* MORE GRAVES! HE'LL BE RESTIN' IN HIS OWN AFTER TONIGHT!
YOU *THIEVIN' DEVILS* WILL HANG FOR THIS... OHHHH!


WE DROVE 'EM OFF, ROB... HEAD FOR THE WAGON!
YOU DID A *GOOD* JOB THIS NIGHT, MATT! I'M WITH YOU!


LAY ON THE WHIP... AND PAY NO *ATTENTION* TO THAT ONE YELLING! *THIS'LL* TAKE CARE OF 'IM!
STOP! STOP! IN THE NAME OF THE LAW... *OHHH!*

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
AND IN AN OLD HOUSE ON WANDSWORTH COMMON, NOT FAR FROM LONDON...
WHAT'S A'KEEPIN' 'EM? TWO MORTAL HOURS BY THE DUTCH CLOCK, AND THEY'RE NOT 'ERE YET! ... WHO'S THAT?
ONLY ME, MOTHER SLADE! I THOUGHT I HEARD THE CHURCH BELLS RINGING!
OH, IT'S *YOU*, PEGGY -- YOU KITCHEN LACKEY! YES, I HEARD THOSE CHURCH BELLS, AND I *DON'T* LIKE 'EM! NOW YOU GO TO BED *BEFORE* I TAKE THE SWITCH TO YOU!
BUT, MOTHER, I *HEARD* A HORSE AND CART DRIVIN' IN THE LANE...
AND IT *IS* A HORSE, MOTHER... I CAN HEAR IT PLAIN NOW! BUT *DON'T* USE THE *SWITCH*! -- I'LL LEAVE AT ONCE!
THEN BE *OFF* WITH YOU!
AH, THEY *DID* COME, AFTER ALL!
EASY, MY DEARS! DRIVE EASY WITH THE MERCHANDISE! THE DOCTORS DON'T LIKE IT IF YOU *BUMP* THE MERCHANDISE!
NASTY DIM LIGHT THIS CANDLE GIVES! DID YOU GET IT, MY BOYS? DID YOU GET THE MERCHANDISE?
STOW THE GAB! LET US GET INSIDE AND CLOSE THE DOOR...
THEN YOU *DIDN'T* GET IT AFTER ALL, YOU THICK-SKULLED FOOLS! I HEARD THE CHURCH BELLS RINGING AND KNEW YOU BUNGLED THE *JOB*!
WE WAS *TOO* QUICK, THAT'S WHAT... THE GIRL WAS ONLY BURIED THIS AFTERNOON! WE *JUST* MISSED HAVIN' OUR NECKS STRETCHED, MOTHER SLADE!

SO MATT AND ROB SIPPED THEIR GIN AND BITTERS AND POURED THEIR TALE INTO MOTHER SLADE'S EARS! AND AS THEY TALKED...
I'M COVERED WITH BRUISES FROM HEAD TO FOOT WHERE MOTHER SLADE KICKED AND PINCHED ME! BUT I WON'T RUN AWAY BECAUSE THEN I'D NEVER SEE MY DARLING AGAIN!
EVEN IF I'M JUST A SCULLERY MAID, YOU ALWAYS SMILE AT ME, DOCTOR... YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER SPEAKS A PLEASANT WORD TO LITTLE PEGGY! I WONDER IF YOU'D BE MAD IF YOU KNEW I HAD YOUR PICTURE?
AS, BELOW IN THE KITCHEN...
SO YOU FAILED! BUT THE DOCTOR WAS PROMISED A CORPSE TONIGHT! ALL RIGHT, DEARIE... *HE GETS* A CORPSE TONIGHT!
YOU MEAN *DR. ARNOLD*, MOTHER SLADE? HE WAS TOO PIOUS AND HOLY TILL THEY PUT THE SCREWS ON HIM! NO CORPSE-- NO LECTURE! NO LECTURE-- NO STUDENTS! BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET ONE?
YOU MEAN ME? YOU'RE GOING TO CARVE ME? NO, MOTHER SLADE! NO! NO!
SHUT UP, YOU SNIVELIN' FOOL! IT'S A NICE *YOUNG* CORPSE THE DOCTOR WANTS!
PEGGY!
YOU CAN'T DO IT, MOTHER SLADE! THIS COVE, ARNOLD, *KNOWS* PEGGY AND SHE FAIRLY *WORSHIPS* THE GROUND HE WALKS ON!
YES... WHAT'S ARNOLD GOING TO DO WHEN HE OPENS THE COFFIN AND FINDS HER?
AND HOW DO YOU TWO THICKHEADS KNOW *WHAT* MOTHER SLADE IS A'GOING TO DO? COME ALONG!
MOTHER SLADE! MATT! ROB! WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?

MEANWHILE, IN A SPACIOUS HOME IN LONDON, A MAN NERVOUSLY PACED THE LIBRARY AND LISTENED TO THE DISTANT TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELLS...
WHY MUST THEY KEEP TOLLING THAT BELL AT EAST HILL CHURCH, MRS. TANCRED? WHY MUST THEY KEEP IT UP ALL NIGHT?
BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A MURDER IN THE CHURCHYARD, DR. ARNOLD!
TWO RESURRECTION MEN... BODY SNATCHERS, SIR! THEY WERE CAUGHT TRYING TO ROB A GRAVE... BUT THEY GOT AWAY!
BUT YOU SAID SOMEONE WAS MURDERED?
YES, ONE OF THEM... A HORRIBLE BIG FELLOW... SPLIT WILLIE KENDRICK'S HEAD OPEN WITH THE EDGE OF A SHOVEL... LISTEN, I HEAR A CART IN THE DRIVE!
PLEASE GO TO BED, MRS. TANCRED! IF ANYONE'S COMING, I'LL ANSWER THE BELL!
THANK HEAVENS SHE'S GONE! AND A MIRACLE HAS SAVED ME FROM DEALING WITH THOSE GHOULS -- I'LL NEVER AGAIN HIRE ONE TO BRING ME A CORPSE! WHY... THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE PORCH!
MRS. SLADE! BUT... BUT... I THOUGHT YOU FAILED!
BLESS YOU, DOCTOR, WE GOT SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD -- THE NICEST PIECE OF MERCHANDISE YOU EVER SAW! BRING IT IN, MY DEARS!
WHERE D'YOU WANT THIS 'ERE THING DUMPED, GUV'NER?
OVER THERE IN THE ALCOVE BEHIND THE CURTAIN! BUT WHO IS IT? WHO IS IN THAT COFFIN?
A NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL, DOCTOR... FINEST SPECIMEN YOU EVER SAW! NOW LET'S SEE YOUR MONEY!
YES, I'LL GET IF FOR YOU! BUT ONE QUESTION -- WOULD THE POLICE BE INTERESTED IN WHERE YOU GOT THE BODY?

THE FOOL ASKS TOO MANY QUESTIONS! SAY THE WORD AND I'LL MAKE HIM A CORPSE HIMSELF!
LET GO, MATT... I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THE LIKES OF HIM!
NO MORE QUESTIONS, DOCTOR! YOU GOT YOUR GOODS AN' WE WANTS OUR MONEY -- TWENTY GUINEAS IS THE PRICE!
IT'S THERE ON THE TABLE! TAKE IT AND *GET OUT* OF HERE!
THANK YOU KINDLY... AN' IF YOU EVER WANTS ANY *MORE* OF THE SAME, YOU KNOW WHERE YOU CAN FIND MOTHER SLADE! AND *NEVER* FORGET THAT THE POLICE ARE JUST AS *INTERESTED* IN THE MAN WHO *RECEIVES* THE MERCHANDISE AS IN THOSE WHO DELIVERS IT! GOOD NIGHT, DOCTOR!
THE BODY... A GIRL, SHE SAID! COULD... COULD IT BE PEGGY?
MRS. TANCRED! I THOUGHT I *TOLD* YOU I WANTED TO BE LEFT *ALONE!*
AND SO YOU DID, DOCTOR! BUT I *COULDN'T* RESIST SLIPPING OUT INTO THE KITCHEN AND GETTING YOU A BITE TO EAT! SAY...
HERE NOW, LET ME GIVE YOU A BIT OF AIR! I WONDER WHO *CLOSED* THE CURTAINS... ANYWAY, I'LL OPEN THEM!
DON'T *TOUCH* THEM! LEAVE EVERYTHING *JUST* AS IT IS!
DOCTOR, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME!
LEAVE THAT CURTAIN *ALONE* AND ANSWER THE DOOR! SOMEONE'S RINGING!

SECONDS LATER, ON THE PORCH...
OPEN UP! OPEN UP OR WE'LL BREAK DOWN THE DOOR! AH... SO YOU DID DECIDE TO OPEN, EH?
POLICE! AND WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE AT THIS HOUR?
STAND ASIDE! WE WANT DR. ARNOLD!
GOOD HEAVENS!... THE GIRL I LOVED... HER BODY IN THAT COFFIN... AND I BOUGHT IT! THEY MURDERED HER!
WHO IS IT, MRS. TANCRED?
THE LAW! AND WE'RE HERE TO SEE YOU... THE ONE WHO DID BUSINESS WITH MOTHER SLADE THIS NIGHT!
MY NAME IS STALKER, DOCTOR, INSPECTOR STALKER! WE TRACED THE BODY SNATCHERS' WAGON HERE, AND JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO...
"AND WATCHED THEM LEAVE..."
HERE THEY COME! LISTEN!
TWENTY GUINEAS WE GOT, BOYS-- THIS WAS INDEED A FINE NIGHT'S WORK!
THE DOCTOR GOT A LITTLE FRISKY, BUT I QUIETED HIM QUICK!
THERE'S SOMEONE BEHIND THE BUSHES!
HEAVEN HELP US... IT'S THE POLICE!
YES... AND THIS TIME YOU WON'T ESCAPE THE GALLOWS, YOU OLD WITCH!
LET ME GO! I'M JUST A POOR OLD WOMAN GOIN' HOME AFTER A LONG DAY'S WORK! LET ME GO!
TAKE HER AWAY, BOYS-- I'M GOING IN TO FIND THE CORPSE SHE BROUGHT HERE!
AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, DOCTOR! I SUSPECT THE ANATOMY LAW IS PRETTY HARD ON YOU SURGEONS, BUT IT IS THE LAW! DID YOU FIND THE BODY, OFFICER?
NOT YET, INSPECTOR!
MRS. TANCRED, PUT DOWN THAT CANDLE! GET AWAY FROM THAT WINDOW!

I WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP, DOCTOR! I THOUGHT THAT BY DRAWING THE CURTAIN YOU WOULD HAVE A LITTLE LIGHT!
I WANT *NONE* OF YOUR HELP... LET *ME* DO THE HONORS!
LET *ME* OPEN BLUEBEARD'S CUPBOARD, INSPECTOR! LET *ME* BE THE FIRST TO SHOW YOU WHAT'S INSIDE! YOU WANTED A CERTAIN BODY, AND IT APPEARS YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE! NOW *LOOK*!
YOU!... ALIVE!
SHHH, DOCTOR!... I'M THE BODY, INSPECTOR, BUT *VERY* MUCH ALIVE! AND IT'S BECAUSE THE DOCTOR IS SO VERY RESPECTABLE, AND A GIRL WHO'S FOND OF HIM HAS TO COME HERE IN SECRET!
OF COURSE OLD PINCHPENNY MOTHER SLADE WOULDN'T SACRIFICE A GOOD HOUSEHOLD DRUDGE! SO SHE USED YOU AS A LIVING ACCOMPLICE TO SELL-- THEN WHEN THE HOUSE WAS ASLEEP, YOU'D COME OUT AND ROB IT!
BUT I *WASN'T* GOING TO ROB THE HOUSE! THEY MADE ME DO THIS... I WAS GOING TO TELL DR. ARNOLD!
I'M WILLING TO BELIEVE THIS GIRL ACTED UNDER THREATS! *SHE* COMMITTED NO CRIME, AND I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN TOUCH HER! GOOD NIGHT!
THEN LEAVE US, PLEASE ... PEGGY AND I HAVE *LOTS* TO TALK OVER!
BUT WE'VE GOT *THESE* THREE! AND THERE'S EVIDENCE ENOUGH TO *CONVICT* THEM!
YES... POOR WILLIE KENDRICK'S BLOOD ON THE SHOVEL WILL HAVE THEM STRETCHING THEIR NECKS WITHIN A FORTNIGHT!
AND YOU, A GREAT DOCTOR, *REALLY* WANT TO *MARRY* A DRUDGE LIKE ME?
YES, PEGGY! AND PLEASE, MRS. TANCRED, WILL YOU GO AWAY AND LEAVE US...
AND SO ENDS THE TALE OF THE BODY SNATCHERS— A STORY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LONDON OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!
THE END

WHO'S TH' NEW GUY SHOWING OFF, SPECS?
THAT'S NO GUY, PUD-THAT'S MY SISTER TOMMY-
GOSH! THAT'S A NEAT TRICK SHE'S DOING!
YOU BET! I LIKE IT BECAUSE...
--SHE ALWAYS HAS DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM IN HER POCKETS!
GEE! TOMMY, THANKS!
YOU'RE WELCOME BOYS...
--BUT IT WASN'T ALL IN MY POCKETS, SEE?
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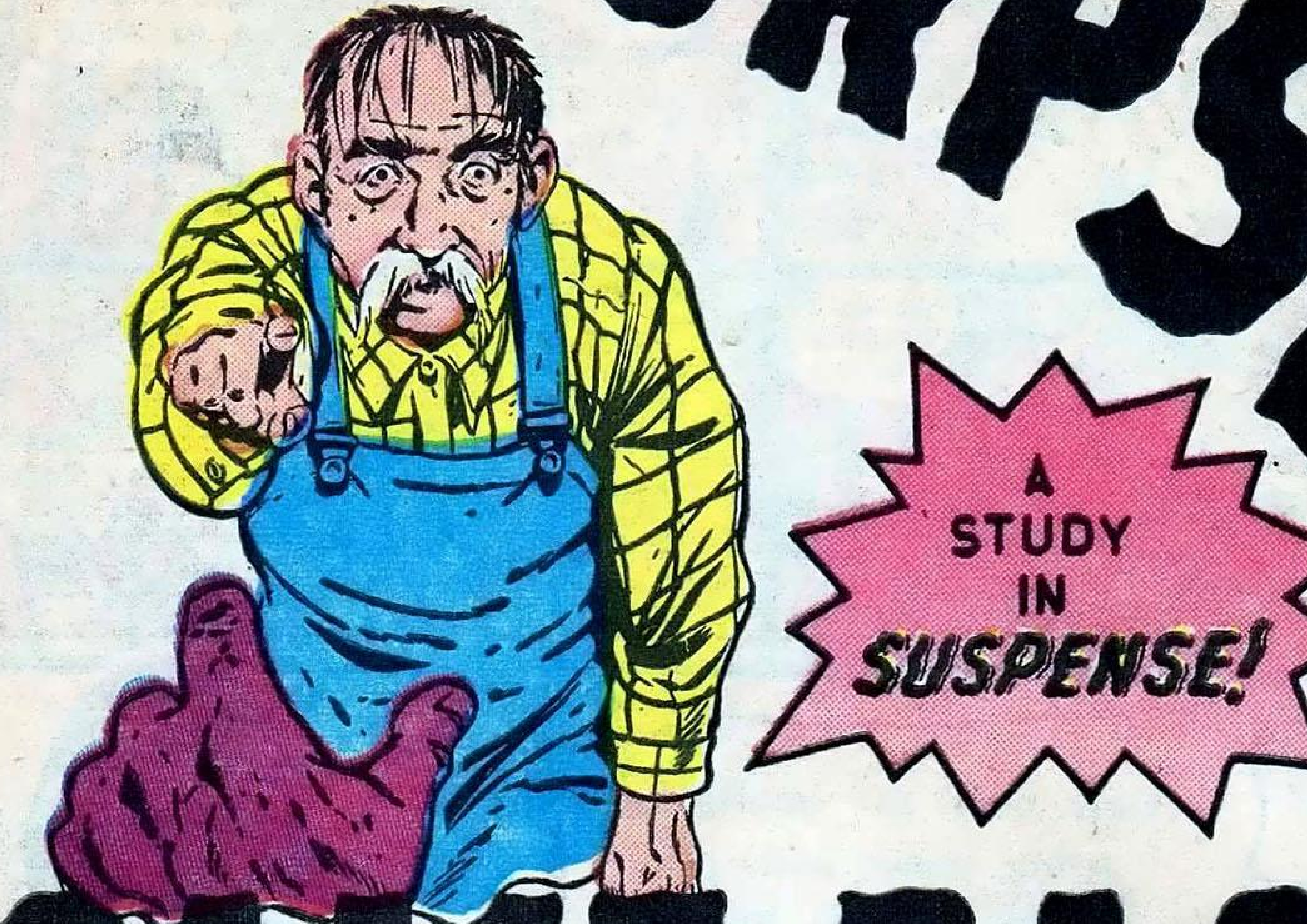
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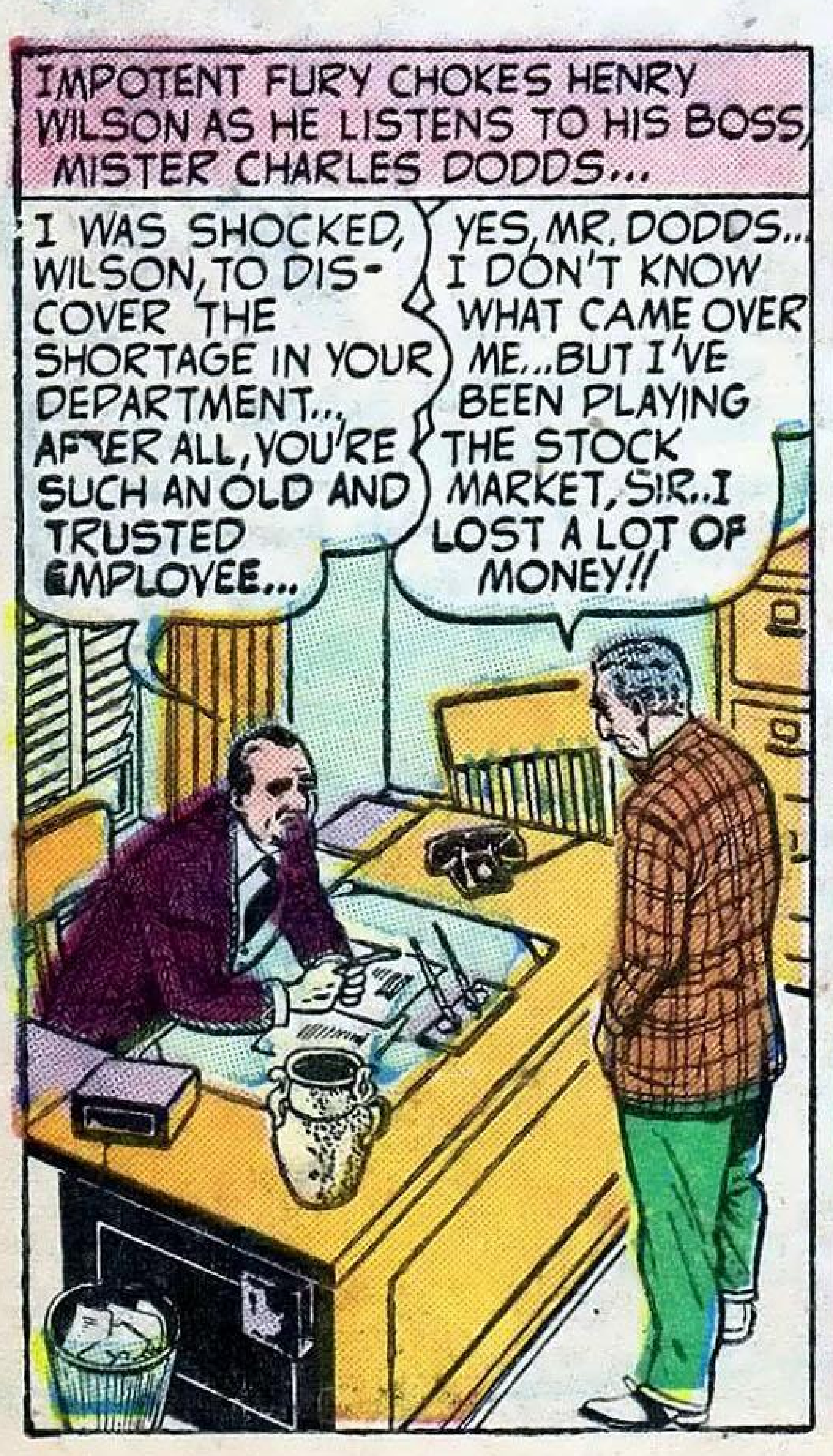
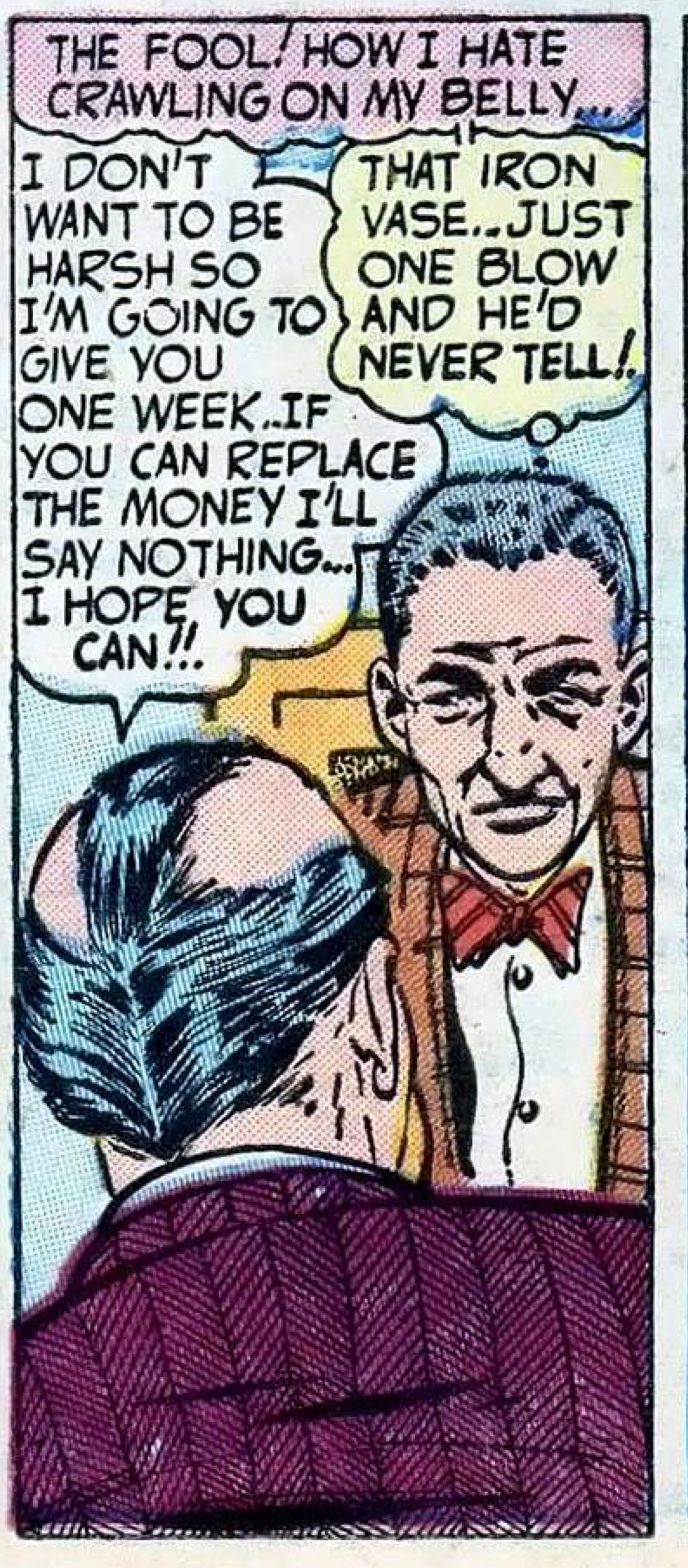
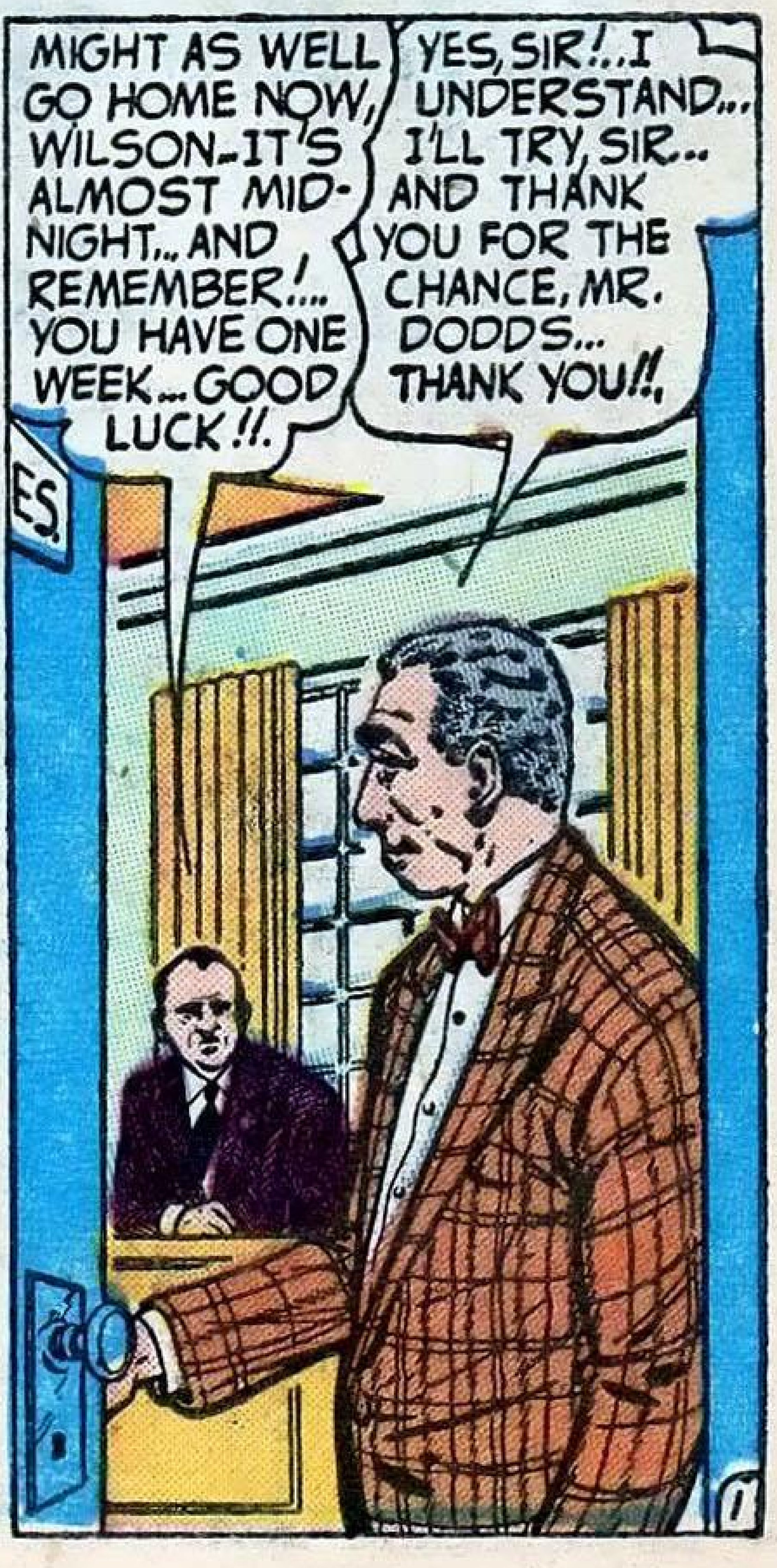

IMPOTENT FURY CHOKES HENRY WILSON AS HE LISTENS TO HIS BOSS, MISTER CHARLES DODDS...
I WAS SHOCKED, WILSON, TO DISCOVER THE SHORTAGE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT... AFTER ALL, YOU'RE SUCH AN OLD AND TRUSTED EMPLOYEE...
YES, MR. DODDS... I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME...BUT I'VE BEEN PLAYING THE STOCK MARKET, SIR..I LOST A LOT OF MONEY!!


THE FOOL! HOW I HATE CRAWLING ON MY BELLY...
I DON'T WANT TO BE HARSH SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE WEEK..IF YOU CAN REPLACE THE MONEY I'LL SAY NOTHING... I HOPE YOU CAN!!
THAT IRON VASE...JUST ONE BLOW AND HE'D NEVER TELL!!


MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME NOW, WILSON-IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT... AND REMEMBER!... YOU HAVE ONE WEEK...GOOD LUCK!!
YES, SIR!..I UNDERSTAND... I'LL TRY, SIR... AND THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE, MR. DODDS... THANK YOU!!
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LATER..
THE FOOL! TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT! WHERE DOES HE THINK I CAN RAISE THE MONEY... IF THE COMPANY HAD TREATED ME FAIR I WOULDN'T HAVE STOLEN IT!.. BUT NO...THEY GAVE HIM THE JOB I SHOULD HAVE HAD.. BUT NO GOOD THINKING ABOUT THAT NOW..GOT TO DO SOMETHING!!!
MR. WILSON
YES!..I WILL DO SOMETHING!.. I'LL KILL HIM! NOW!..TONIGHT!.. IT'S LATE AND WE'RE ALL ALONE... BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO HAVE A PLAN...A GOOD FOOLPROOF PLAN...
I'VE GOT IT!!..A REAL PLAN... THEY'LL NEVER SUSPECT ME...BUT FIRST, I'LL PRETEND TO LEAVE... THEN I'LL COME BACK AND KILL HIM!!.
MR. DODDS MGR.
HMM!..A LONG DAY!.. AND I THINK MY WATCH IS WRONG... YOU GOT THE RIGHT TIME, JIM?..
SURE HAVE, MR. WILSON, IT'S JUST QUARTER AFTER TWELVE..!GEE...YOU DO WORK LONG HOURS...AND MR. DODDS IS STILL UP THERE!!.
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
HA!!.. SIMPLE AS THAT!!..JIM WILL SWEAR I LEFT AT TWELVE-FIFTEEN, AND THAT DODDS WAS WORKING...ALL I HAD TO DO WAS WAIT UNTIL THE ELEVATOR WENT UP AGAIN, THEN DUCK BACK INTO THE LOBBY!!.
EVERYTHING PERFECT SO FAR!..HE DIDN'T HEAR ME COME BACK...AND THAT IRON VASE ON HIS DESK... JUST THE RIGHT WEAPON... NOW TO DO IT FAST!!.
WILSON!! I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU LEAVE...WHAT..?
I DID LEAVE!..BUT I'M BACK...GOT SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS WITH YOU!!.
NO!! DON'T..!! AHHHHH!!!.
THREATEN ME, HUH?!..STEAL MY JOB, WILL YOU..?. SO THIS IS WHAT YOU GET..AND AGAIN!..HAH! HAH!.. NOW YOU'LL NEVER TALK!!.

GOOD!.. A PERFECT JOB!.. I THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING... NO FINGERPRINTS! NOW I JUST DUCK OUT AGAIN WITHOUT THE ELEVATOR BOY SEEING ME AND I'M IN THE CLEAR...
SUDDENLY..
GOING HOME, MR. WILSON? ABOUT TIME I'D THINK... YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD!
HUH? OH, ER, YES! I WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE, TOM..
TOM HIGBY, THE FLOOR SWEEPER... WHAT ROTTEN LUCK.. I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST...
ER, MR. DODDS IS IN HIS ROOM NOW, TOM.. HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED.. YOU'D BETTER LET HIS OFFICE GO FOR JUST THIS ONCE... WHY DON'T YOU COME TO MY OFFICE?
WAL.. SURE! GLAD TO!
I'M NOT IN ANY HURRY, TOM.. HOW ABOUT A LITTLE DRINK BEFORE YOU GO BACK TO WORK? YOU'VE GOT A LONG NIGHT AHEAD...
DON'T MIND IF I DO, MR. WILSON. AND IT'S MIGHTY KIND OF YOU, SIR. MIGHTY KIND...
MR. WI
HALF AN HOUR LATER..
HAVE ANOTHER, TOM!
THIS IS SWELL, MR. WILSON!! YOU'RE A REAL GENTLEMEN, SIR, A REAL... HIC!.. GENNULMAN!
OUGHT TO KILL HIM, BUT I CAN'T! NERVES WON'T STAND ANOTHER MURDER TONIGHT. BUT I'LL DO SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD!
WILSON SEES HIS CHANCE AND POUNCES LIKE A HAWK..
ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE, YOU OLD FOOL! I'VE GOT PLANS FOR YOU... AND IT'LL BE YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE!!
GAAAA!!
HAH!. NOW I'LL JUST PUT THE VASE IN HIS HAND AND IT'LL LOOK LIKE A DRUNKEN FIGHT.. OHH!!. HE'S HEAVY FOR AN OLD MAN!..
THERE! THAT ABOUT DOES IT... WHISKEY SMELL EVERYWHERE AND I PUT BLOOD ON HIS FACE.. NO ONE WILL EVER BELIEVE HIS STORY ABOUT ME BEING HERE... HAH!.. HE CAN BE MY SUBSTITUTE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!!

NEXT MORNING WILSON GOES TO WORK AS USUAL...
WHAT'S WRONG, OFFICER?..
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... NO ONE SAW ME LEAVE LAST NIGHT...GOT TO KEEP MY NERVE THOUGH, WHEN I SEE OLD TOM HIGBY...
YOU'LL FIND OUT, MISTER..GO ON IN IF YOU WORK HERE!
THERE FOLLOWS A ROUTINE TALK WITH THE POLICE!
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU, SIR, BUT WE HAVE TO ASK QUESTIONS!..AFTER ALL..TWO DEATHS! BUT WE'RE SATISFIED THAT THE MAN, HIGBY, MURDERED MR. DODDS, THEN DIED OF A HEART ATTACK..
TWO DEATHS! SO THE OLD MAN DIED OF A HEART ATTACK...FINE... BETTER THAN I PLANNED IT...
HORRIBLE! I'M DEEPLY SHOCKED!!
LATER...
A TRAGEDY, WILSON, BUT OUR BUSINESS MUST GO ON..YOU WILL TAKE OVER MR. DODDS' JOB... BETTER MOVE INTO HIS OFFICE AT ONCE!.
YES, SIR!..OF COURSE! I KNOW THE JOB, SIR...I CAN HANDLE IT!..
HAH! SO I GET THE DEAD MAN'S JOB..COULDN'T BE BETTER...
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR RROMOTION, MR. WILSON...
THANK YOU, EFFIE!..I DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE IT...BUT WE MUST KEEP THINGS GOING...
NOT MUCH I DIDN'T!..HAH...I WISH DODDS COULD SEE ME NOW, WHEREVER HE IS!.
WILSON OPENS THE DOOR OF HIS NEW OFFICE AND THE VERY EARTH SEEMS TO ROCK...
NO!! AHHHH...IT CAN'T BE!! THEY... THEY SAID HE WAS D..DEAD!. HELP!!
MR.
HELP!! IT...IT'S TOM HIGBY!..OR HIS G..GHOST!!
PLEASE!! SOME-ONE! HELP! IT'S HIGBY! HE'S IN THERE!.. IN THAT OFFICE!..
HIGBY! YOU MUST BE WRONG, MAN!.. HIGBY'S DEAD..HE'S BEEN TAKEN TO THE MORGUE LONG AGO!

BUT I TELL YOU, SERGEANT, HE WAS HERE!.. RIGHT AT THAT DESK!.. BIG AS... AS LIFE!..
YOU ONLY IMAGINED IT, SIR... THINGS LIKE THIS CAN UPSET ANY-ONE... EVEN THE POLICE... BETTER TAKE SOME-THING FOR YOUR NERVES AND FORGET IT!!
M.. MAYBE THE SERGEANT IS RIGHT... MY NERVES! GOT TO GET HOLD OF MYSELF OR I'LL RUIN EVERYTHING!
NOW WHO COULD THAT BE AT THE DOOR?. COME IN!.. COME IN!.. STOP THAT KNOCKING!..
H.. HELLO!.. I'M MRS. DODDS!.. I'M LOOKING FOR SERGEANT LEEDS... BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AROUND.. IF I COULD JUST REST IN HERE FOR A MOMENT.. I.. I'M SO UNNERVED!!
IT'S BEEN A TERRIBLE SHOCK!.. WE...(SOB!)... WERE GOING TO BUILD A HOME THIS YEAR!.. AND THERE'RE THE TWINS, TOBY AND LITTLE MARY... OHH... I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!.
PLEASE, MRS. DODDS!. YOU MUST CONTROL YOURSELF!..
CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE OF THIS. SHE'LL DRIVE ME MAD! MY NERVES ARE SHOT ALREADY!..
MY POOR HUSBAND ALWAYS SPOKE SO HIGHLY OF YOU, MR. WILSON... HE LIKED YOU SO MUCH... I CAN'T HELP THINKING THAT IF ONLY YOU HADN'T LEFT HIM ALONE LAST NIGHT... THAT THIS... AWFUL THING WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED... WHY... MR. WILSON!.. IS SOMETHING WRONG?!
GET OUT!! LEAVE ME ALONE!! I CAN'T STAND IT!.. STOP TALKING ABOUT IT!.. GET OUT!!
B.. BUT, MR. WILSON!.. I ONLY SAID...
THIS WON'T DO!.. I WAS A FOOL TO BLOW UP LIKE THAT... DANGEROUS... BUT I COULDN'T STAND IT... THOSE TEARS!! AND THE TWINS... AND HOW MUCH HER POOR HUSBAND REALLY LIKED ME!! FOR A MINUTE I WANTED TO KILL HER, TOO!..

FROM OUT OF NOWHERE VOICES FILTER INTO THE ROOM, GENTLE, INSISTENT VOICES...
THOU SHALT NOT KILL!! THOU SHALT NOT KILL!!
VOICES!! I HEAR VOICES!! BUT THERE'S NOBODY HERE!! STOP IT I TELL YOU!!
MURDERER!.
KILLER!!
WIDOWS ARE A SAD SIGHT, MR. WILSON! YOU MAKE WIDOWS, DON'T YOU??
KILLER!! KILLER!!
MURDERER!!
NO!. NO!! PLEASE MAKE THEM STOP!.. I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT, REALLY!.. I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE WIDOW AND THE TWINS AND THE OLD MAN'S BAD HEART!! STOP THOSE VOICES!.. STOP THEM!!
THE DOOR SWINGS SLOWLY OPEN...
WH..WHO IS IT?.. WHO'S THERE?! P..PLEASE!! LET ME SEE WHO YOU ARE!!
YOU'LL SEE ME,.. YOU'LL SEE ME FOREVER!.
NO!. NO!. NO!
YAAAAAAAAA!!
THANKS, SERGEANT!.. GUESS IF WE HADN'T SCARED HIM I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE BLAME...THE WAY HE PLANNED IT!
YES, HIGBY...IT WORKED...TOO WELL!..WHEN WE MADE YOU UP LIKE A CORPSE, AND SAID YOU WERE ONE, I JUST WANTED A CONFESSION...MAYBE THE VOICES COMING OUT OF THE VENTILATORS WERE JUST TOO MUCH!.
HE MUST HAVE GONE MAD!
AND THE NEXT TIME YOU WANT AN ACTRESS, SERGEANT LEEDS, YOU CAN GET ANOTHER ONE!.. I DIDN'T LIKE MY ROLE AS MRS. DODDS!
YES, I KNOW,..MURDER DOES LEAVE A BAD TASTE IN THE MOUTH... SO LET'S GO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...LIKE, MAYBE, SOME LUNCH TOGETHER!!
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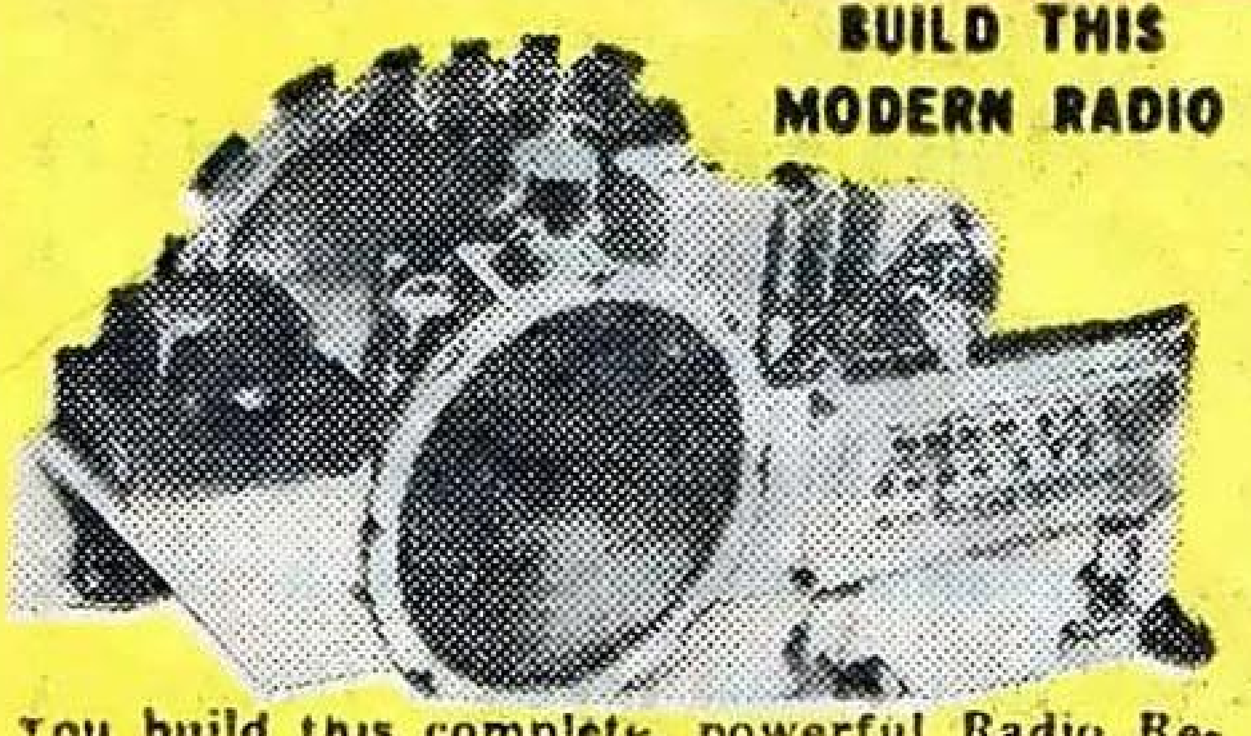

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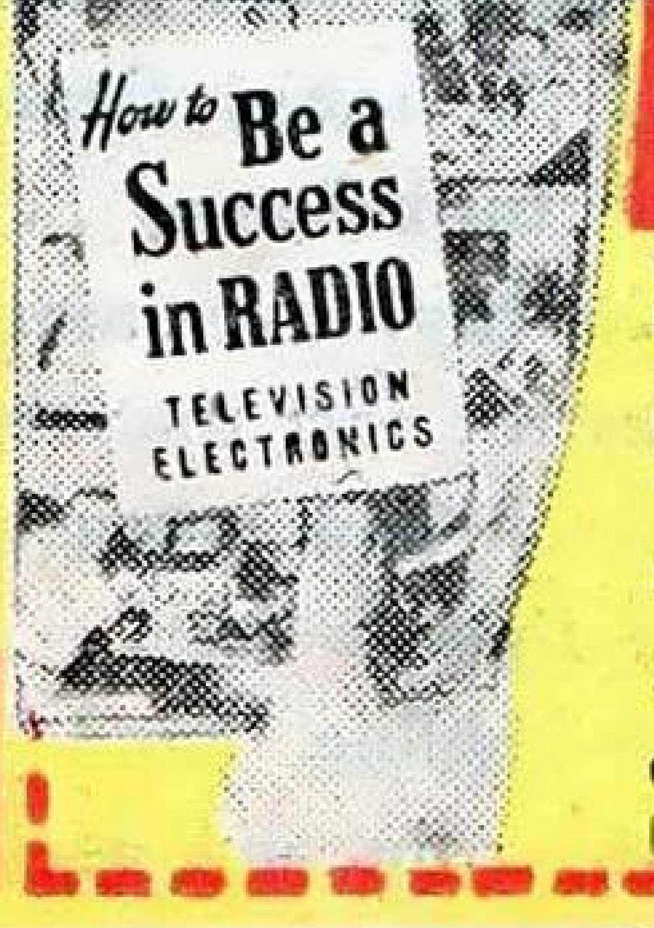
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THE CURSE OF THE COIN

WHEN my grandfather died, I inherited his blessings and, far more important, the greater portion of his wealth. With the money, the various businesses and a luxurious estate, I was also given several of his personal possessions. One of them was a large foreign gold coin which my grandfather had worn as an ornament upon a heavy, linked gold watch chain. He was never without this piece, and as he lay upon his deathbed, he insisted upon having it at his side. When the end came, the attending physician was forced to pry it loose from his stiffened fingers.

When I was told of this, I could offer no explanation of the old man's fierce attachment to the coin. I imagined that it was partially due to strong sentimental feelings as well as his senility. My grandfather was eighty-nine when he died, and I reasoned that the actions of a very old man are not always prompted by rational thinking. If I had known then what I know now, I would never have dismissed the whole thing as lightly as I did.

The three years following his death I spent in travel, and during that period the coin remained safely locked in the family vault. Upon my return, an inventory of the household property was taken, and the coin was once again brought to my attention.

I can still recall its weight as it rested on my palm. Upon examination I noticed that it had become tarnished, and taking a handkerchief from my pocket, I gave the surface a few brisk rubs. Surprisingly enough, the small effort had an immediate effect, and the coin now glowed as though it were of recent mintage. I took it over to the window for closer study.

On one of its surfaces was engraved a robed figure of a man. The head was turned partially to one side and looked downward. The right hand supported one of the folds of the drapery, and in the left was a parchment scroll. The engraving was exquisite and the detail unusually sharp and clear. The reverse side of the coin was covered with a strange script, a language I had never seen before.

My curiosity satisfied, I returned to my desk and tossed the coin into an open drawer. It struck with a sharp, clear ring and fell face upward. I wasn't prepared for what I saw. The head of the robed figure was no longer turned away . . . it faced me directly! Even more terrifying was the fact that the parchment scroll had fallen in front of the figure's feet!

With a trembling hand I picked up the coin and again examined it by the window. There was no mistake about what I had seen. The figure's head was now turned full view. To tell anyone of this would put me in a ridiculous position. No one would believe a story of this kind, and he would have sufficient reason to question whether or not I was sane. For the present, I decided to keep the matter quiet and allow myself time to give the whole subject serious thought.

I had just placed the coin in my pocket, when there was a knock on the door. I opened it, and I found one of the old servants waiting with a letter. When I had taken it from him and thanked him, I closed the door and returned to my desk.

Upon opening the letter I discovered that it was from the legal firm who had been in charge of my financial affairs since my grandfather's death. The letter advised me to get rid of some stocks and with it was a paper, which would act as a release. I was about to sign it, when I was aware of the pressure of the coin against my leg. It was so uncomfortable that I reached inside my pocket and placed the piece upon the desk.

As I reached for my pen, I found myself compelled to look upon the coin. It was as if a powerful force had suddenly exerted its will upon me, and

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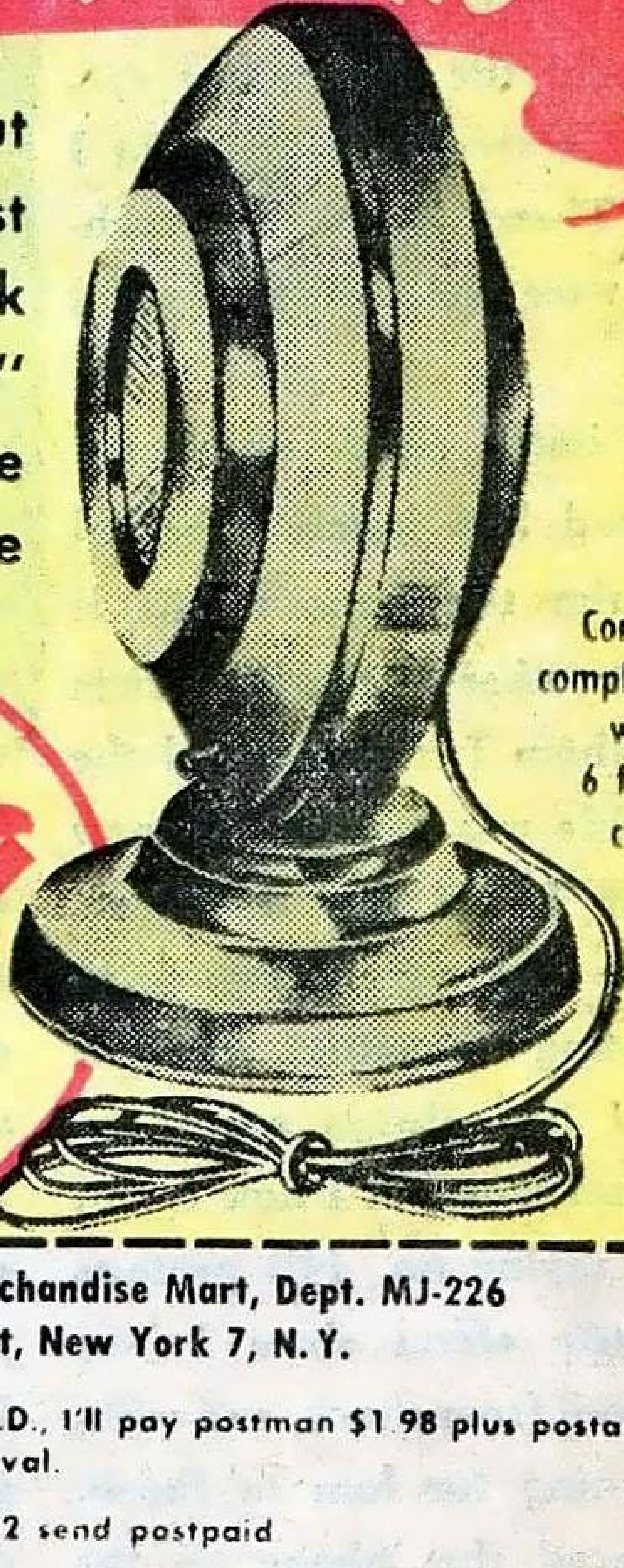

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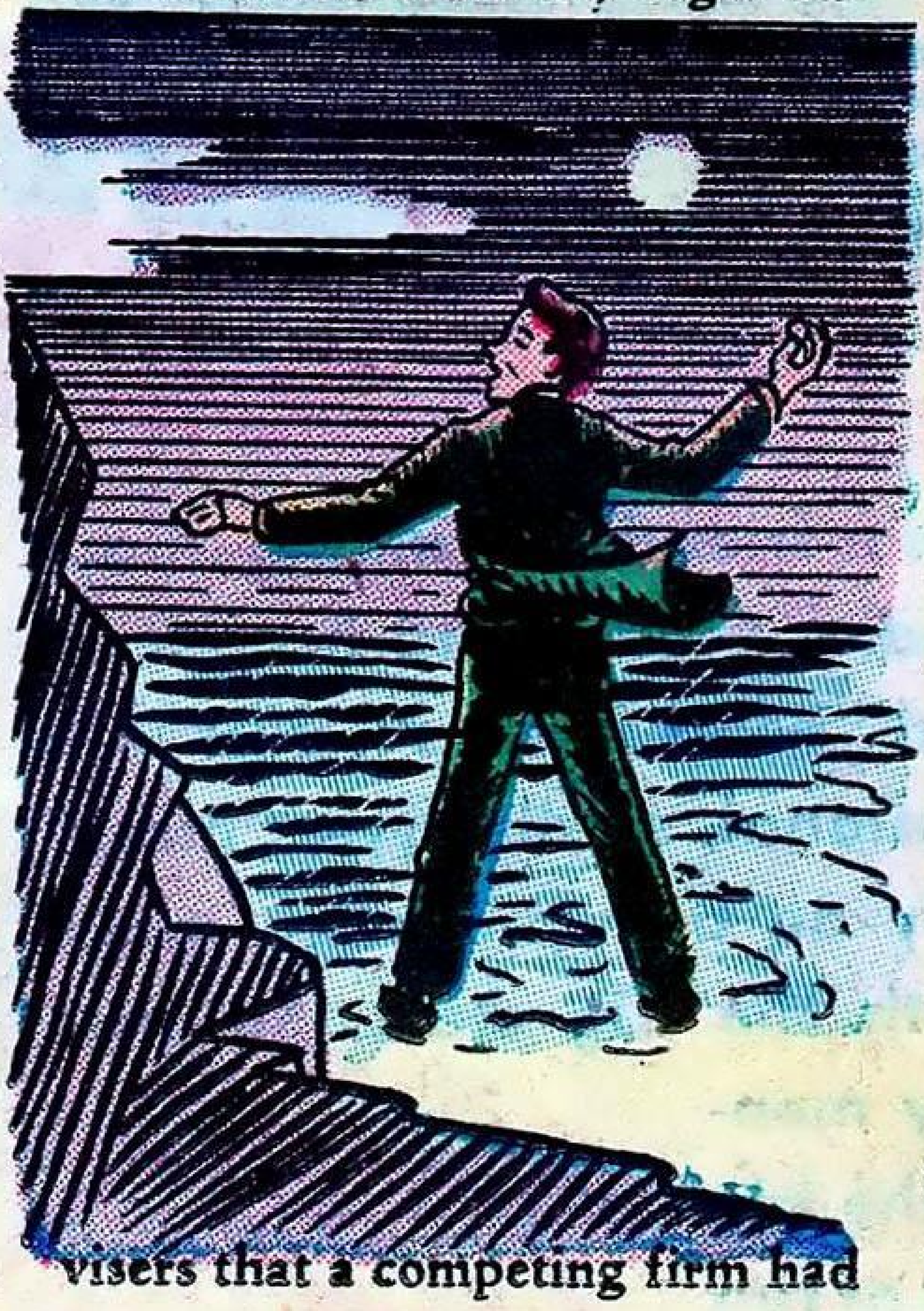
try as I might I could do nothing to resist it. Trembling with fear, I felt my gaze being pulled in its direction—a kind of hypnosis which was terrifying and yet strangely exciting. In another moment I was looking at the coin. Even before my eyes focused upon the tiny figure, I knew that another change had taken place.

The parchment which had fallen to the floor was now back in the robed figure's hands. This time, however, the paper scroll was opened, and as I examined it more closely, I noticed a tiny script. Reaching into my drawer I brought out a small magnifying glass. When I brought the lens to my eye, I could scarcely believe what I read. There, upon the parchment, were the words, *Do not sign!*

The initial shock of what I had read had barely subsided when the telephone rang. It was a member of the legal firm from whom I had received the letter. He was anxious to know whether I had signed the release, as they were interested in completing the matter. At other times I had always agreed to their decisions, but I now found myself saying no. His protests had little effect since I was still numb from shock, and without waiting for him to finish, I replaced the 'phone on the receiver. Three days later I received a letter from the firm congratulating me upon my decision. It seems that they had been in error. If I had released the stock as they requested, it would have meant a staggering loss to my finances. To describe my reaction to this news would be impossible. If anything, I was overcome with a feeling of terror. The fantastic manner in which the coin had disclosed its information left me weak and helpless.



I will go quickly now to the final incident of this strange story. Three months later I received word from my legal advisers that a competing firm had become a serious threat to one of my large investments. They advised me to form a partnership and made arrangements for me to meet my competitor. He was to be at my home the next evening to talk over the final plans. As the hour drew near, I was alone in my library. Once again I was possessed with a compulsion to look at the coin. It lay in the top drawer of my desk where I had last placed it, and I could not resist its powerful pull.

Slowly I opened the drawer and removed the coin. Without realizing it, I picked up the magnifying glass and once again examined the scroll and figure. There had been no change in the positions. But the expression on the figure's face had taken on so sinister a look that I almost dropped the lens. I tried to turn my eyes away but had no will of my own. Hypnotized, I continued my examination and then I saw it! A message, in the same tiny hand, was inscribed upon the scroll. My heart seemed to stop when I read the words, *Kill your visitor!*

Perhaps it was the words themselves that made me act so quickly. All I remember is that I seized the coin and rushed out of the house toward the bay. When I reached the water's edge, it took all my strength to throw the wicked thing into the sea.

After several hours I returned home, and I was relieved when my servant told me that my visitor had left. The following day I left on an extended trip and left all details in the hands of my attorneys. Two months later, while in a foreign country, I received word that my competitor had cornered the market, and I had lost my entire fortune. This news had very little effect upon me, for I felt as if a great fear had been lifted.

I was free at last of the coin and its evil!

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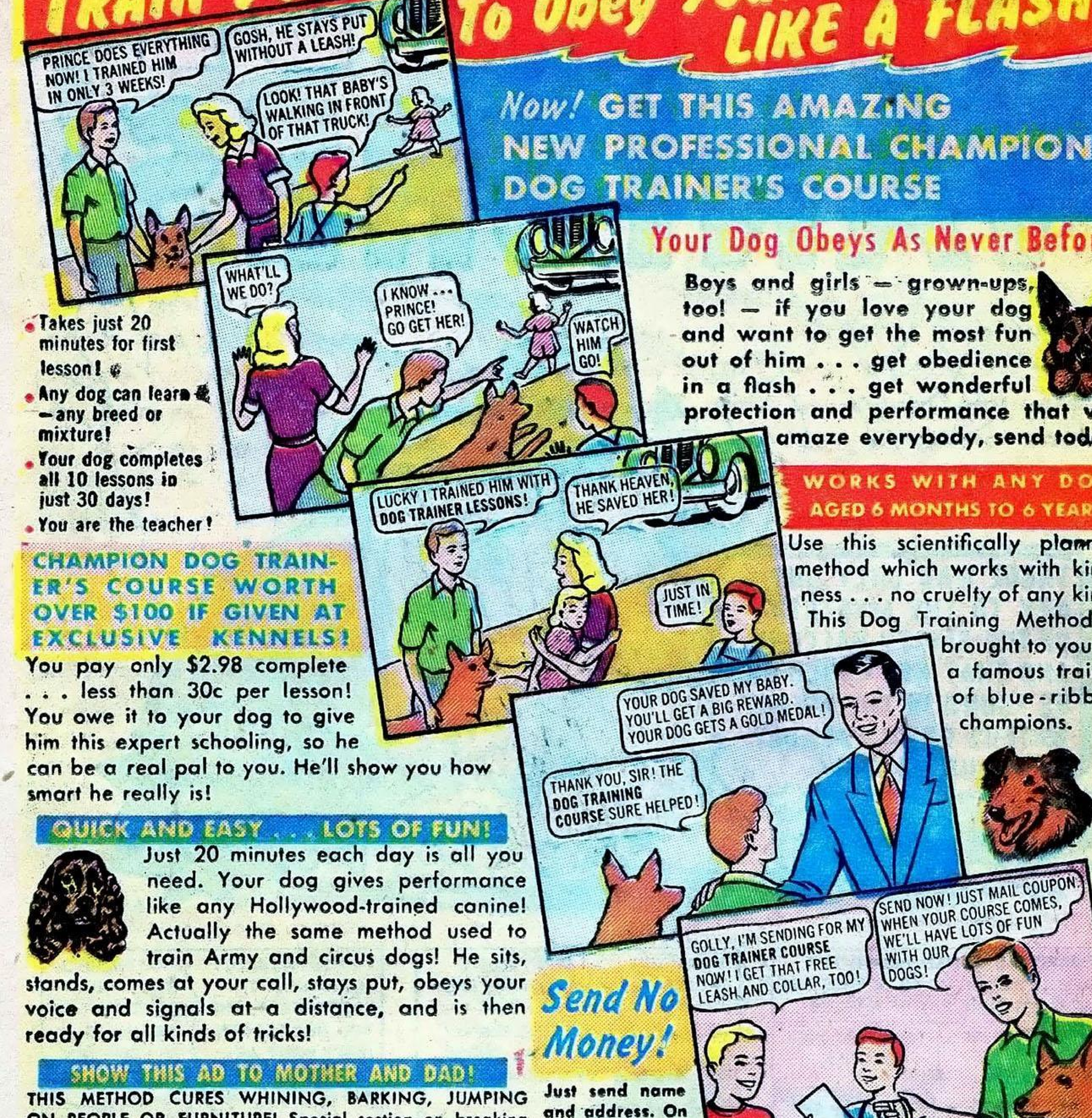
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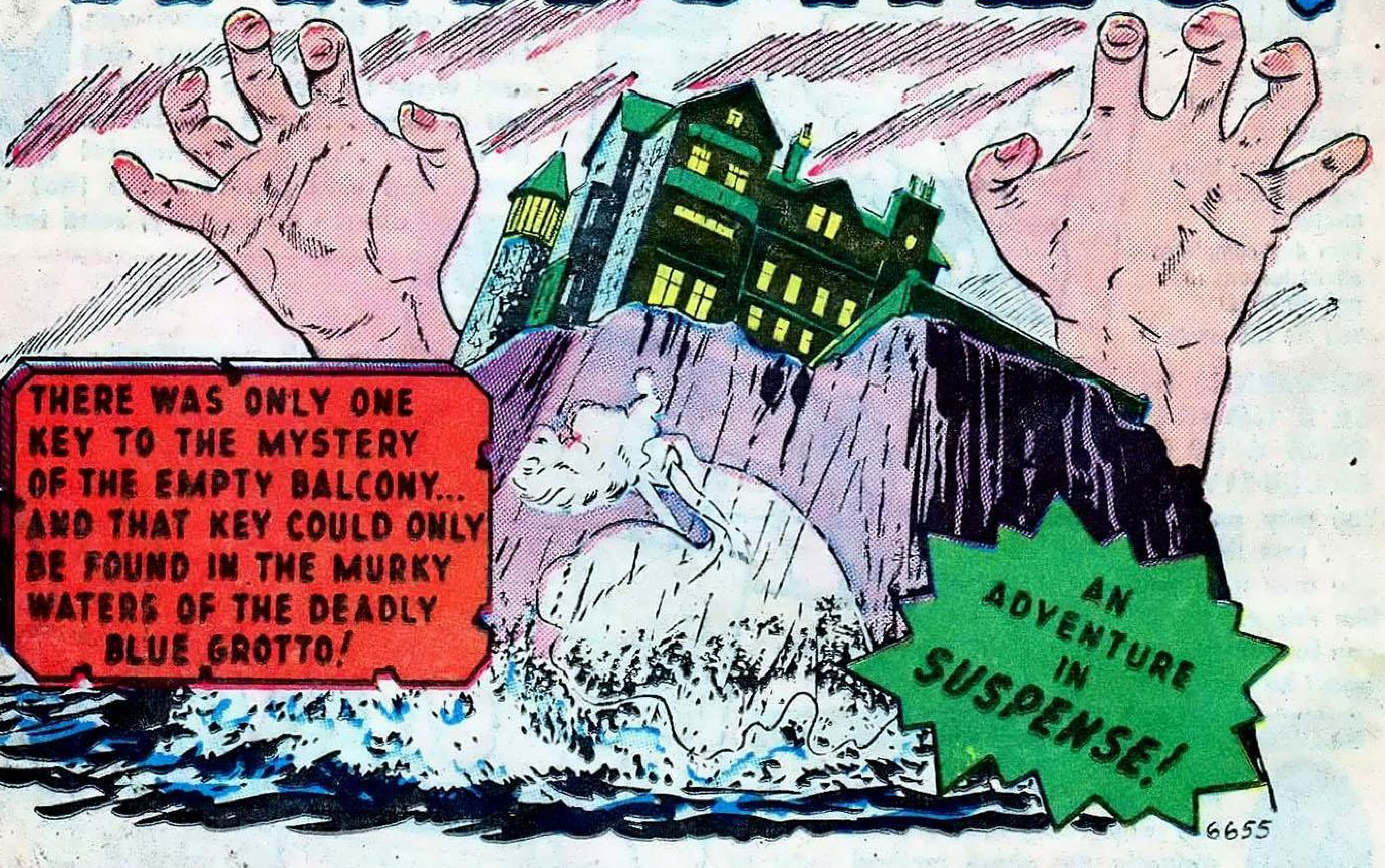
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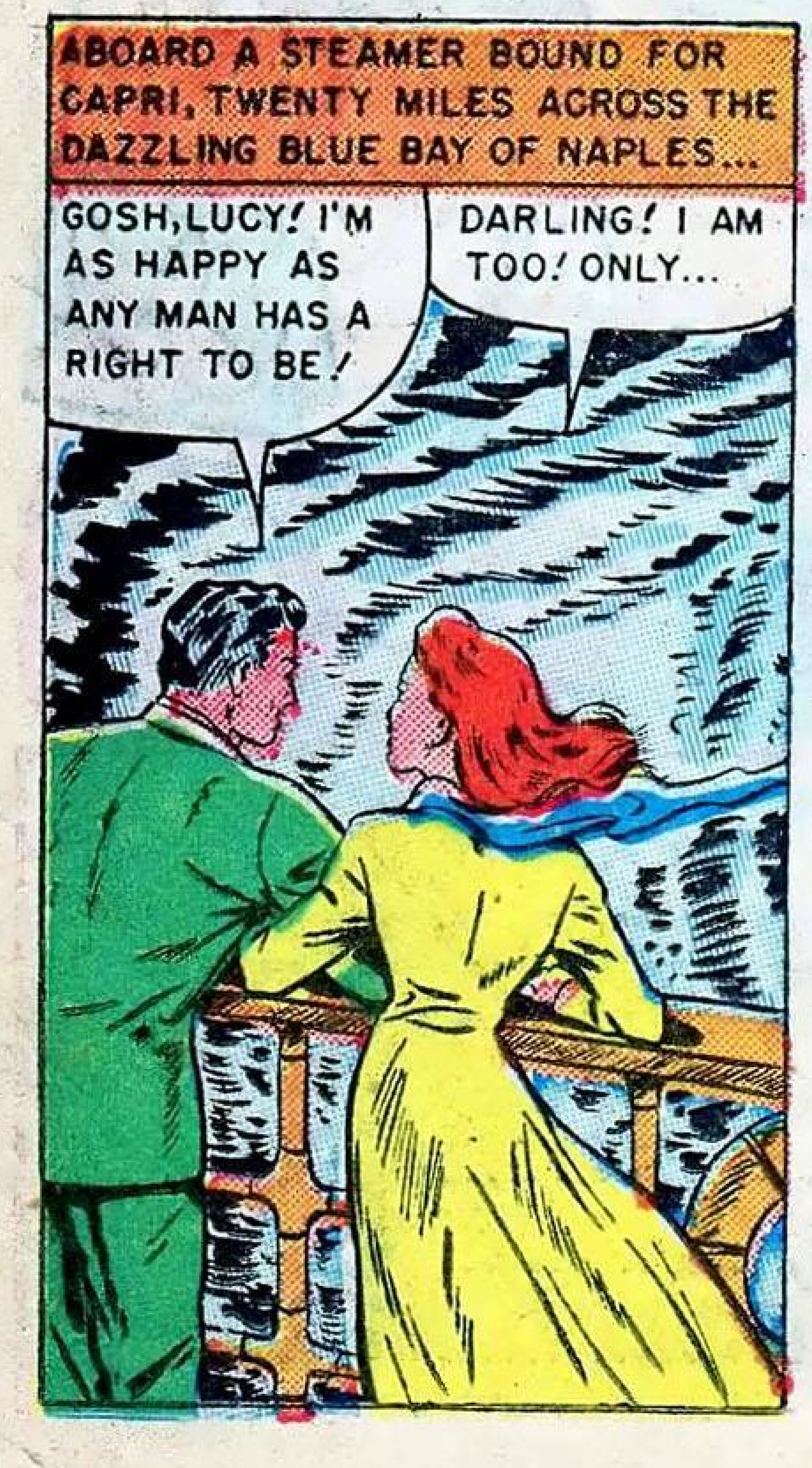
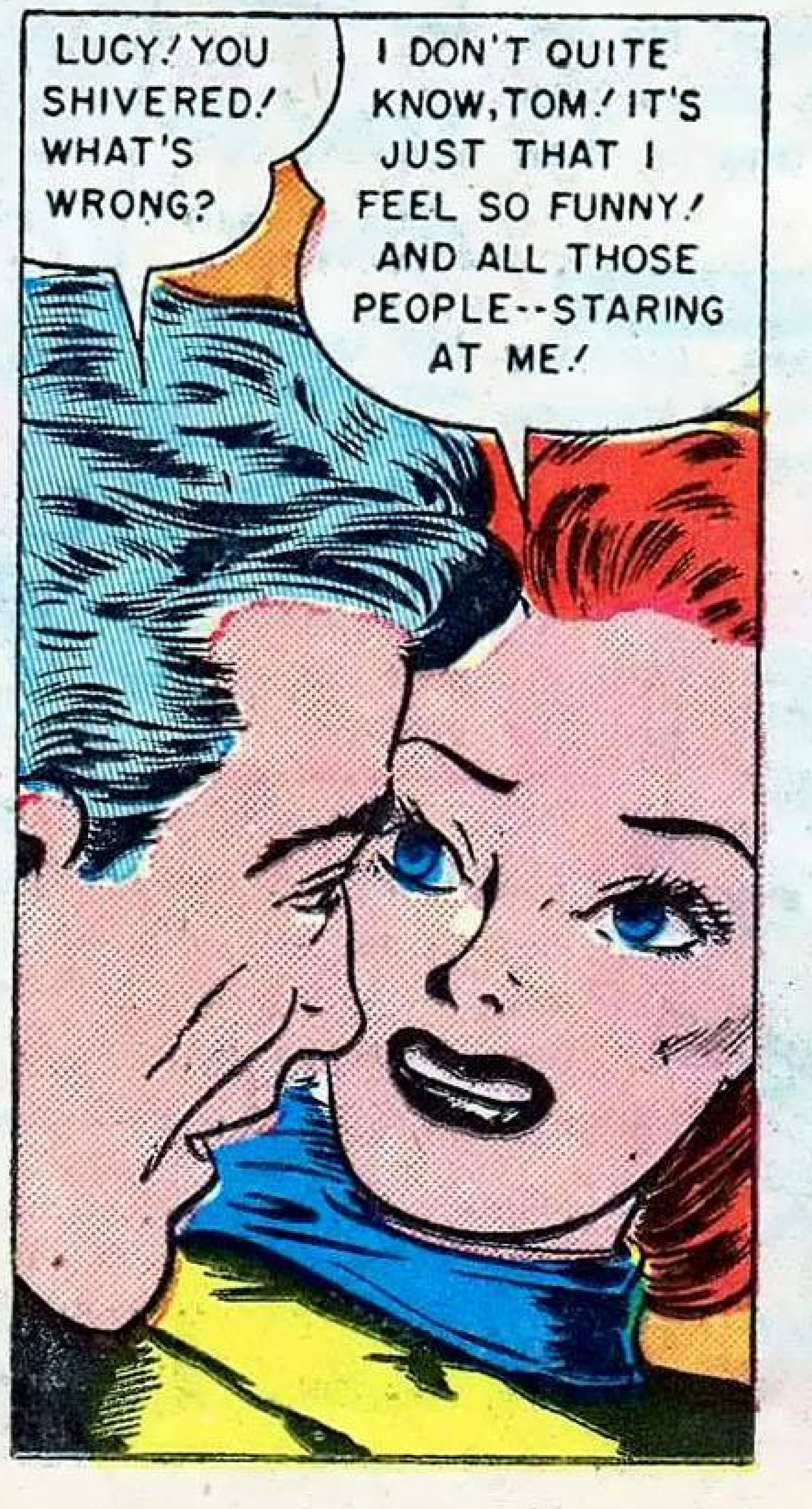
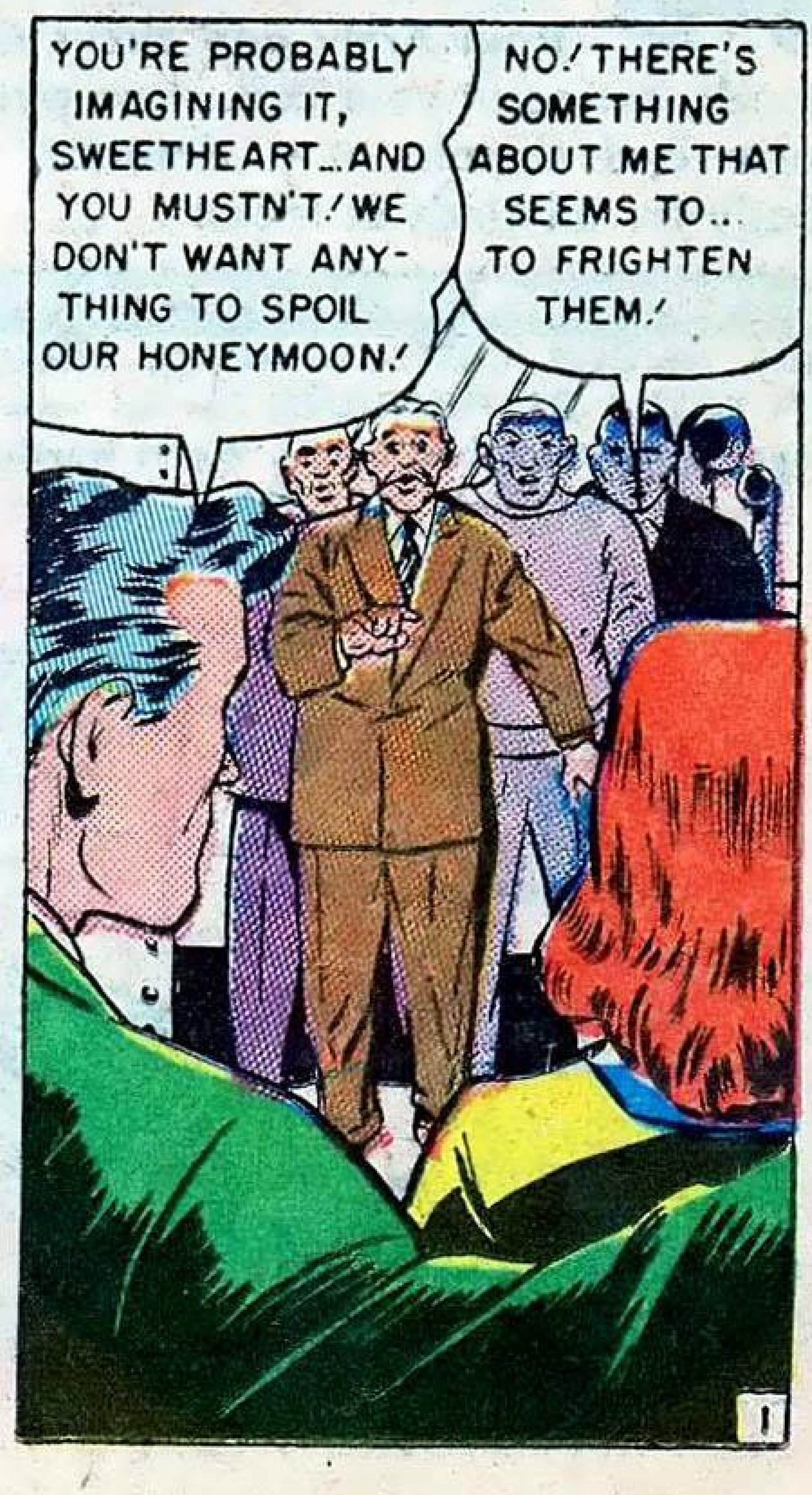

ABOARD A STEAMER BOUND FOR CAPRI, TWENTY MILES ACROSS THE DAZZLING BLUE BAY OF NAPLES...
GOSH, LUCY! I'M AS HAPPY AS ANY MAN HAS A RIGHT TO BE!
DARLING! I AM TOO! ONLY...


LUCY! YOU SHIVERED! WHAT'S WRONG?
I DON'T QUITE KNOW, TOM! IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL SO FUNNY! AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE--STARING AT ME!


YOU'RE PROBABLY IMAGINING IT, SWEETHEART... AND YOU MUSTN'T! WE DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO SPOIL OUR HONEYMOON!
NO! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT ME THAT SEEMS TO.. TO FRIGHTEN THEM!

EVEN YOUR FRIEND THERE, THE ONE WE MET IN NAPLES, HAS BEEN LOOKING AT ME IN A FUNNY WAY! I DON'T LIKE IT, TOM!
HMM...YOU MEAN MR. GRANGER? BUT HE'S A SWELL FELLOW--USED TO BE A REAL COWBOY BEFORE HE MADE A LOT OF MONEY OUT OF OIL AND CAME TO ITALY TO LIVE!
HELLO, FOLKS! NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! RECKON YOU'LL BE WANTING TO SEE THE BLUE GROTTO, EH? THE SHIP WILL BE STOPPING PRETTY SOON NOW!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. GRANGER--WE *ARE* STOPPING!
THE BLUE GROTTO!
OH, YES! I'VE HEARD OF IT!
SEE ALL THOSE LITTLE WHITE ROWBOATS COMING OUT? THEY'LL TAKE YOU TO THE GROTTO... IF YOU'RE SURE YOU WANT TO GO!
SIGNORI! PLEASE! MY BOAT IS GOOD! NO LEAKS... PLEASE! WE GO TO BLUE GROTTO!
YOU COME WITH GUISEPPE--HE SHOW YOU BLUE GROTTO!
SI, SUCH A SIGHT! WATER THAT BURNS LIKE BLUE FLAME!
LET ME REPEAT, SON... I WOULDN'T ADVISE YOU GOING TO THE BLUE GROTTO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! WHY SHOULDN'T WE GO TO THE GROTTO?
OH, WELL, MAYBE I OUGHTN'T TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT...BUT BE SURE YOU KEEP A SHARP EYE ON YOUR PRETTY WIFE!
OHH...I *WAS* RIGHT! AND HE SEEMS TO BE WARNING US! YET...I'M NOT GOING TO BE A COWARD...
COME ON, TOM! WE'RE GOING! AT LEAST I'LL GET AWAY FROM THOSE STARES FOR A TIME!
OKAY, LUCY! WE'LL HAVE A LOOK AT THIS GROTTO!
MAKE HASTE, PLEASE! THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LUCY! I'VE GOT YOU!
TOM! LOOK AT THE BOATMAN! HE'S LIKE ALL THE REST--AS IF HE'D SEEN A GHOST!
CORPO DI BACCO! IT CANNOT BE!

NO! NO! THIS THING CANNOT BE TRUE! STILL, I SEE HER...
MIND YOUR OARS, MAN! THE TIDE IS RUSHING US INTO THE GROTTO!
OHHH! HE'S MAKING THE SIGN... LIKE THE OTHERS! TO WARD OFF THE EVIL EYE!
PARDON, SIGNOR! BUT THIS LADY! SHE IS NOT DEAD?
DEAD? OF COURSE NOT! DON'T BE A FOOL AND WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING-- YOU'LL WRECK US!
SUDDENLY THE SURGING TIDE REACHED FOR THE FRAGILE BOAT AND HURLED IT AT THE GROTTO OPENING...
TOM! WE'RE GOING SO FAST!
HOLD TIGHT, HONEY! THAT FOOL WAS SO BUSY STARING AT YOU THAT HE FORGOT HIS JOB!
CORPO DI BACCO!
WHEW! A CLOSE ONE!
IT'S LOVELY, BUT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN WHAT OUR FRIEND HERE IS SAYING!
EXCUSE ME, SIGNOR AND SIGNORA! BUT IT WAS BAD FOR ME TO SEE YOUR FACE! SO MUCH LIKE THE OTHER LADY WHO DISAPPEAR FROM THE VILLA BORGHESE! I COULD NOT BELIEVE...
I TELL YOU... THIS OTHER LADY WAS ALSO AMERICAN! SHE STAY ALSO IN VILLA BORGHESE, WHERE YOU GO NOW! AND ONE DAY SHE STEP OUT ON BALCONY OVER THE SEA! TWO... THREE YEARS AGO... THIS HAPPEN! SHE IS ALONE ON BALCONY AND...
"THIS OTHER GIRL, I THINK HER NAME JOSEPHINE ADAMS, LEAVE HER MOTHER AND SISTERS IN OTHER ROOM AND STEP ONTO BALCONY FOR ONE MOMENT ONLY...
A LOVELY DAY! I'M SO WONDERFULLY HAPPY... AND TOMORROW I GET MARRIED!
"IT HAPPENS, SIGNOR! WHEN IN SUCH A LITTLE TIME SHE DOES NOT ANSWER, NOT EVEN A MINUTE, THEY SEARCH FOR HER..."
JOSEPHINE! ...GONE!
NO! SHE COULDN'T JUST DISAPPEAR! AND SHE ISN'T IN THE SEA BELOW!
BUT SHE DIDN'T SCREAM! NOT A SOUND! STILL... THERE WAS NO WAY TO GET ON OR OFF THIS BALCONY WITHOUT OUR SEEING HER!
OHHHH!... MY DAUGHTER! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED...
HURRY! WE MUST NOTIFY THE POLICE!

AS THE BOATMAN'S VOICE ECHOED AWAY, THE GROTTO SEEMED TO DARKEN...
THAT IS THE STORY, SIGNOR! BUT WE HURRY NOW--WHEN THE SUNLIGHT GOES, THE GROTTO BECOMES BLACK! THEN SOMETIMES YOU SEE THE GHOST OF THAT OTHER LADY--IN HERE!
I AGREE WITH YOU ON ONE THING--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS WE CAN!
BUT HOW COULD IT HAPPEN, TOM? OH, THAT POOR GIRL! AND SHE... SHE LOOKED LIKE ME!
AND ON BOARD THE STEAMER ONCE MORE..
I CAN TELL BY YOUR FACES, FOLKS...YOU GOT THE STORY FROM THAT FELLOW! GUESS I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU...
WELL, AT LEAST I KNOW NOW WHY THEY WERE STARING AT ME!
YOU MEAN IT'S TRUE, GRANGER... THAT BOATMAN WASN'T JUST STRINGING US ALONG?
IT'S TRUE, SON! TRUE! I LIVE RIGHT NEXT TO THE VILLA BORGHESE AND I OUGHT TO KNOW! THAT GIRL VANISHED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, WITHIN TWENTY FEET OF HER FOLKS! SHE DIDN'T FALL, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO SPLASH! AND SHE WAS ON A BALCONY FORTY FEET UP A CLIFF AS SMOOTH AS GLASS! IT APPEARS THERE WASN'T ANY POSSIBLE WAY FOR HER TO VANISH--BUT SHE DID! WITHIN FIFTEEN SECONDS!
SUDDENLY...
TOM! *THAT DOG!* LOOKS SO FIERCE!
HOW DID A BRUTE LIKE THAT GET ON BOARD?
THAT'S TIBERIUS! HE BELONGS TO COUNTESS LUCHESI! SHE'S AN AMERICAN, MARRIED TO A LOCAL COUNT IN OUR LITTLE COLONY! MET HIM WHEN SHE TRAVELED THROUGH WITH A TOURING CIRCUS!
HELLO, EVERYONE! YOU CAN CALL ME NELLIE--I NEVER USE MY TITLE! I'VE SIMPLY BEEN DYING TO MEET THIS GIRL THAT LOOKS LIKE POOR JOSEPHINE! OHHH---AND SHE DOES! *EXACTLY LIKE HER!*
WE'LL BE GOOD FRIENDS, LUCY! I WAS A FRIEND OF...OF JOSEPHINE ADAMS, TOO! I'LL EVEN LEND YOU TIBERIUS FOR TONIGHT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAY IN THAT VILLA! HE'LL PROTECT YOU!
THANK YOU! YOU'RE SO KIND..
SHE DOES SEEM REALLY FRIENDLY!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
THERE'S YOUR VILLA, FOLKS! SEE WHERE I'M POINTING--ON THE CLIFF?
SAY... A REGULAR PALACE! BUT NOW I KNOW WHY THEY RENT IT SO CHEAPLY!
THE VILLA BORGHESE!
YES, DEAR! AND THERE'S THE BALCONY WHERE POOR JOSEPHINE VANISHED!
IT ALMOST SEEMED TO BE WAITING, THIS BALCONY...WAITING WHILE SHADOWS SLOWLY FELL TO WRAP IT IN GLOOM...WAITING...FOR WHAT?

A FEW HOURS LATER, IN THEIR NEW HOME...
STOP IT, LUCY! PLEASE STOP LOOKING AT THAT BALCONY!
I'M SORRY, DARLING, BUT THERE *IS* A TERRIBLE FASCINATION ABOUT IT! AND I'M NOT FRIGHTENED ANY MORE... NOT WITH YOU AND TIBERIUS HERE!
REMEMBER-- YOU PROMISED TO STAY OFF THE BALCONY! AND YOU'RE TO SCREAM AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE! THAT WILL BRING OUR NEIGHBORS, MR. GRANGER ON THE ONE SIDE AND COUNTESS LUCHESI ON THE OTHER, OUT ON THEIR BALCONIES! BETWEEN US, WE CAN HELP YOU!
LOOK AT TIBERIUS! THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE OUTER ROOM!
SOMEONE OR... SOMETHING!
GRRRRR
THE DOOR, TOM! SOMEONE'S OPENING IT!
COME IN, WHOEVER YOU ARE! DON'T JUST STAND THERE OR I'LL LET THE DOG LOOSE! COME IN!
GOOD EVENING! I'M THE COUNT LUCHESI! MY WIFE SUGGESTED THAT I PAY A CALL TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR LITTLE COMMUNITY.
WHY-- I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! NELLIE *SAID* YOU LOOK LIKE JOSEPHINE ADAMS, BUT-- I'VE NEVER *SEEN* SUCH A CLOSE RESEMBLANCE!
I-- IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I THINK I'LL LIE DOWN AND REST! YOU TWO HAVE A PLEASANT TALK-- I'M A LITTLE WEARY AFTER THE TRIP!
ALL RIGHT, DEAR! BUT-- BE CAREFUL!
DON'T WORRY, DARLING, I WON'T GO NEAR THE BALCONY! I'LL BE RIGHT IN THE NEXT ROOM-- NOTHING CAN POSSIBLY HAPPEN TO ME!

IF--IF YOU WOULD TAKE MY ADVICE, YOU WOULD LEAVE THE VILLA BORGHESE AT ONCE!
BUT WE JUST GOT HERE! WHY SHOULD WE LEAVE?
THERE IS A DANGER TO YOUR WIFE HERE! JUST AS IT HAPPENED TO--THAT OTHER ONE, IT MAY HAPPEN TO HER!
BUT THAT'S SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE! JUST BECAUSE TWO WOMEN LOOK ALIKE--!
PLEASE, DO NOT ARGUE! JUST LISTEN TO ME AND HEED MY WORDS! I BEG YOU, I *ENTREAT* YOU--
LISTEN! WHAT'S THAT?
FROM THE NEXT ROOM ROSE AN EERIE, MOURNFUL WAIL! THE TWO MEN TURNED, ELECTRIFIED!
GOOD GRIEF! IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO LUCY--!
YES--I'M SORRY I WAS SO CARRIED AWAY! PERHAPS WE'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK!
WOOWOOWOOW OOOO...
LUCY! SHE'S NOT HERE! EMPTY! AND THE DOG...
THERE! ISN'T THAT TIBERIUS ON THE BALCONY?
GRROOOWOO
WOOO..OOO..
LUCY! DARLING! WHERE ARE YOU?...THERE'S NOTHING IN THE SEA BELOW!
WHAT I WAS SO AFRAID OF! WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT HER ALONE FOR EVEN A SECOND!
THOUGH HALF-MADDENED WITH GRIEF AND DESPAIR, TOM COURTNEY LEAPED INTO ACTION...
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! GET MR. GRANGER AND NELLIE AND A BOAT! LUCY IS A SWIMMER--SHE MAY STILL BE ALIVE DOWN THERE! SHE MUST BE...LET'S GO!
IT'S HOPELESS, I TELL YOU! IF SHE IS IN THE SEA THE CURRENT WILL TAKE HER STRAIGHT INTO THE BLUE GROTTO!

HALF AN HOUR LATER THE DESPERATE TOM STEERED A SMALL MOTOR LAUNCH TOWARD THE BLUE GROTTO...
THIS IS ABSURD... *WE'LL NEVER FIND HER!*
GOING TO BE AWFULLY DARK IN THE GROTTO! AND DANGEROUS, TOO!
YES! WE MIGHT ALL BE KILLED!
WE'RE GOING IN THERE, I TELL YOU! SHE'S A GOOD SWIMMER, AND IF THE CURRENT TOOK HER INTO THE GROTTO, THERE'S A CHANCE! BUT IF SHE'S BEEN WASHED OUT INTO THE BAY...
AS THE RUSHING WATERS SEIZED THE LITTLE CRAFT.
HOLD TIGHT, EVERYONE-- WE'RE GOING IN!
BETTER DUCK LOW, FOLKS! WE'LL GET OUR HEADS KNOCKED OFF IF WE DON'T!
THERE'S JUST ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION OF FINDING HER! THIS GROTTO IS CURSED! WE'LL ALL PERISH!
A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE THE GLOOMY, SILENT GROTTO..
MY, BUT IT'S DARK NOW! THE WATER ISN'T BLUE ANY MORE!
IT'S ONLY THE SUN THAT MAKES IT BLUE!
PLEASE! WILL YOU ALL BE QUIET! I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING, YES... OVER THAT WAY!
TOM! OVER HERE! HURRY! CAN'T... (GASP!)... STAY UP MUCH LONGER!
WE'VE GOT YOU, DARLING! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW!
WELL, WE FOUND YOU AFTER ALL!
ALMOST DROWNED! CAN HARDLY... (GASP!)... BREATHE!
GOOD THING WE GOT HERE WHEN WE DID!
HMM.. SHE'S ALIVE!
THE HALF-DROWNED GIRL SOBBED OUT HER STORY...
DON'T TRY TO TALK NOW, HONEY!
I MUST TELL YOU, TOM... LISTEN! ... I KNOW HOW THAT GIRL, JOSEPHINE ADAMS, WAS KILLED! LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED!

"WHEN I REACHED THE OUTER ROOM, WITH ONLY THE DOG TRAILING ALONG, I HEARD A FAMILIAR VOICE CALLING TO ME FROM THE BALCONY! THINKING THERE WAS NO DANGER IN SOMEONE WE KNEW, I WALKED OUT TO DISCOVER...
OHHH!...THERE'S NO ONE AROUND! BUT THAT VOICE IS CALLING MY NAME!
MRS. COURTNEY! MRS. COURTNEY!
"SUDDENLY A ROPE WHIPPED AROUND MY NECK AND, BEFORE I COULD CRY OUT, I WAS PULLED OVER THE EDGE OF THE BALCONY INTO SPACE...
"I REALIZED THEN THAT THE KILLER HAD INTENDED TO JERK THE ROPE AND BREAK MY NECK--THEN LOWER ME INTO THE WATER SO THERE'D BE NO SPLASH! BUT AS MY LUCKY STAR WOULD HAVE IT, THE ROPE SLIPPED LOOSE!"
OHHH... THE STRONG CURRENT IS DRAWING ME TO THE GROTTO!
WHEW! A ROPE THROWN SO THAT IT WOULD LOOP AROUND YOUR NECK ...THAT TAKES SPECIAL ROPE AND PLENTY OF ABILITY! HMMM... OUR NEIGHBORS ARE MR. GRANGER ON ONE SIDE AND NELLIE ON THE OTHER! IT COULD BE EITHER ONE, SINCE NELLIE ONCE CAUGHT EVERYTHING FROM A COIN TO A PERSON BY SLINGING A WHIP AROUND THE OBJECT IN THE CIRCUS, AND GRANGER, REMEMBER, WAS A COWBOY, AND COULD SWING A LASSO!
LOOK OUT!
ONE INSTANT OF SUDDEN CONFUSION, AND THE OCCUPANTS OF THE LITTLE BOAT FOUND THEMSELVES FLOUNDERING IN THE WATERY DARKNESS! DESPERATELY THEY FOUGHT FOR HANDHOLDS ON THE UPTURNED CRAFT, AND A MOMENT LATER...
COUNTESS LUCHESI! SHE'S GONE UNDER... AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO!
MY WIFE! OH NELLIE! HEAVEN HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL!
OHHH! POOR COUNTESS! AND SHE WAS SO GOOD TO US!
NO--SHE TRIED TO MURDER YOU! AND JUST NOW SHE TRIED TO MURDER ALL OF US, TO GET AT YOU! YES, SHE WAS A MAD WOMAN, MY WIFE, HOPELESSLY INSANE! LOVING HER, I'VE TRIED TO PROTECT HER FROM HERSELF BUT HER SENSELESS, UNREASONING HATRED FOR JOSEPHINE ADAMS WAS REPEATED WHEN SHE SAW YOU! I SUSPECTED THEN THAT SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT DEATH, BUT TRIED TO BLIND MYSELF TO IT! THEN JUST NOW, I SAW HER UPSET THE BOAT, AND I SAW HER LOOK AT *YOU*, MY DEAR-- *EVILLY*--AND I *KNEW*!
IN A SHORT WHILE, THAT SEEMED LIKE DAYS, RESCUE CAME TO THE LITTLE CREW CLINGING TO THE SIDES OF THE BOAT!
AT LAST, HERE COMES HELP!
LUCY, I'M TAKING YOU AWAY FROM HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
NO, DARLING! I THINK WE'VE MADE GOOD FRIENDS HERE! LET'S STAY ON AND PUT THIS BAD EXPERIENCE BEHIND US! I'M SURE WE'LL FIND HAPPINESS AND PERHAPS WE CAN HELP THE COUNT, TOO--TO FORGET!
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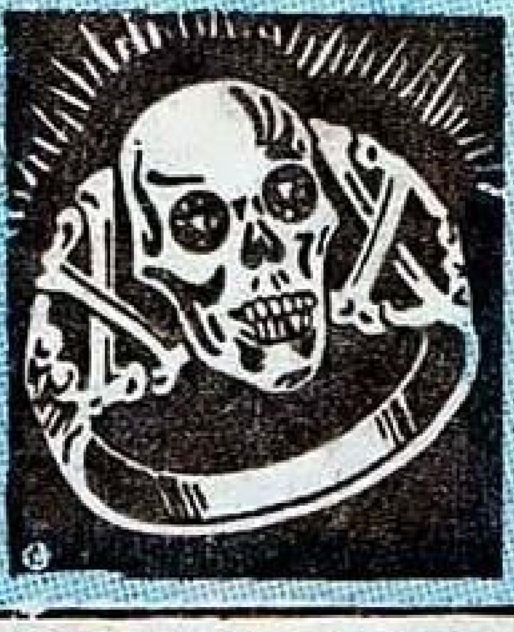

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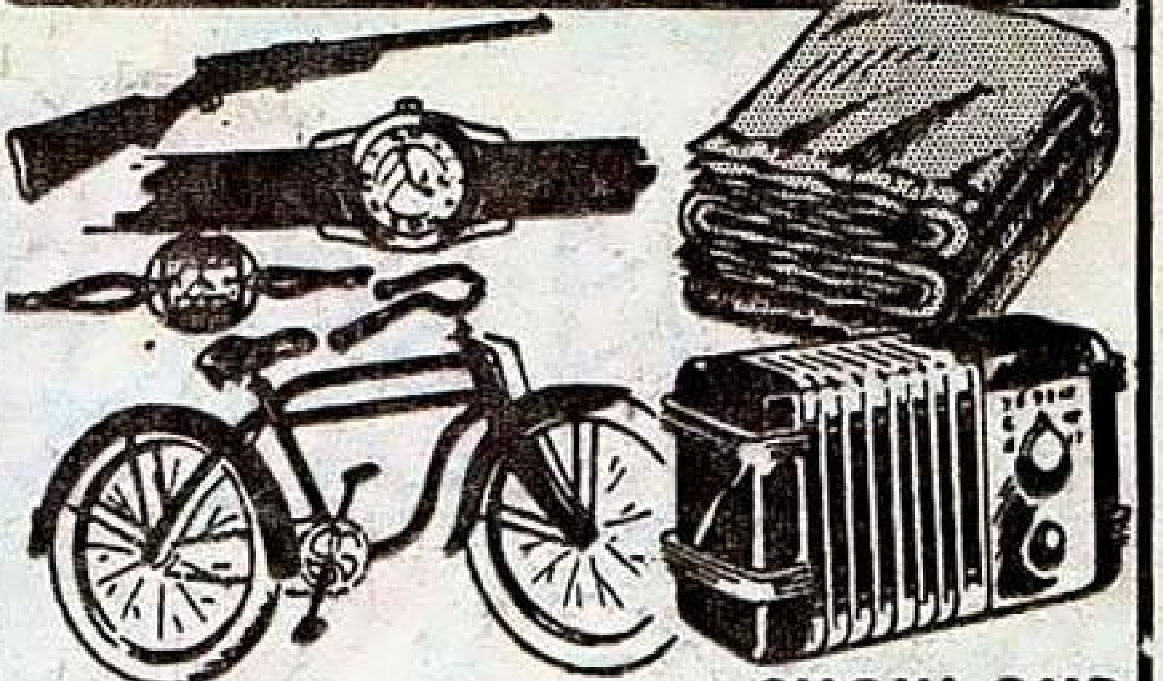

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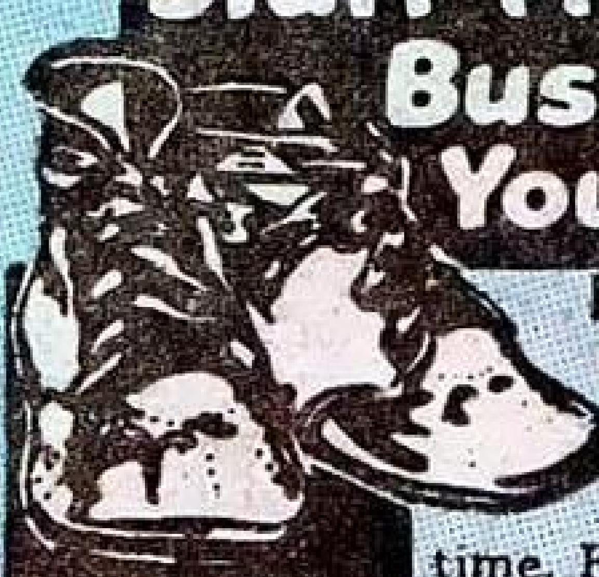

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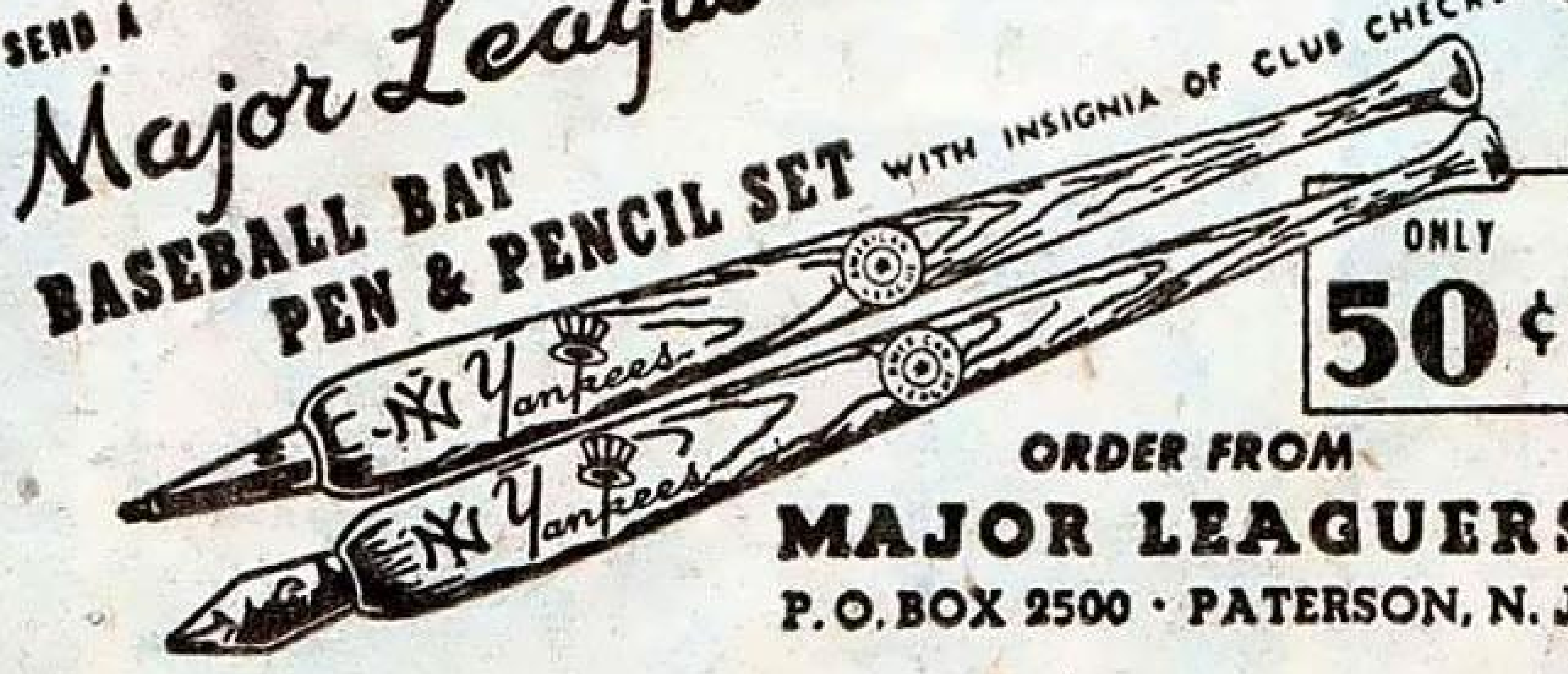

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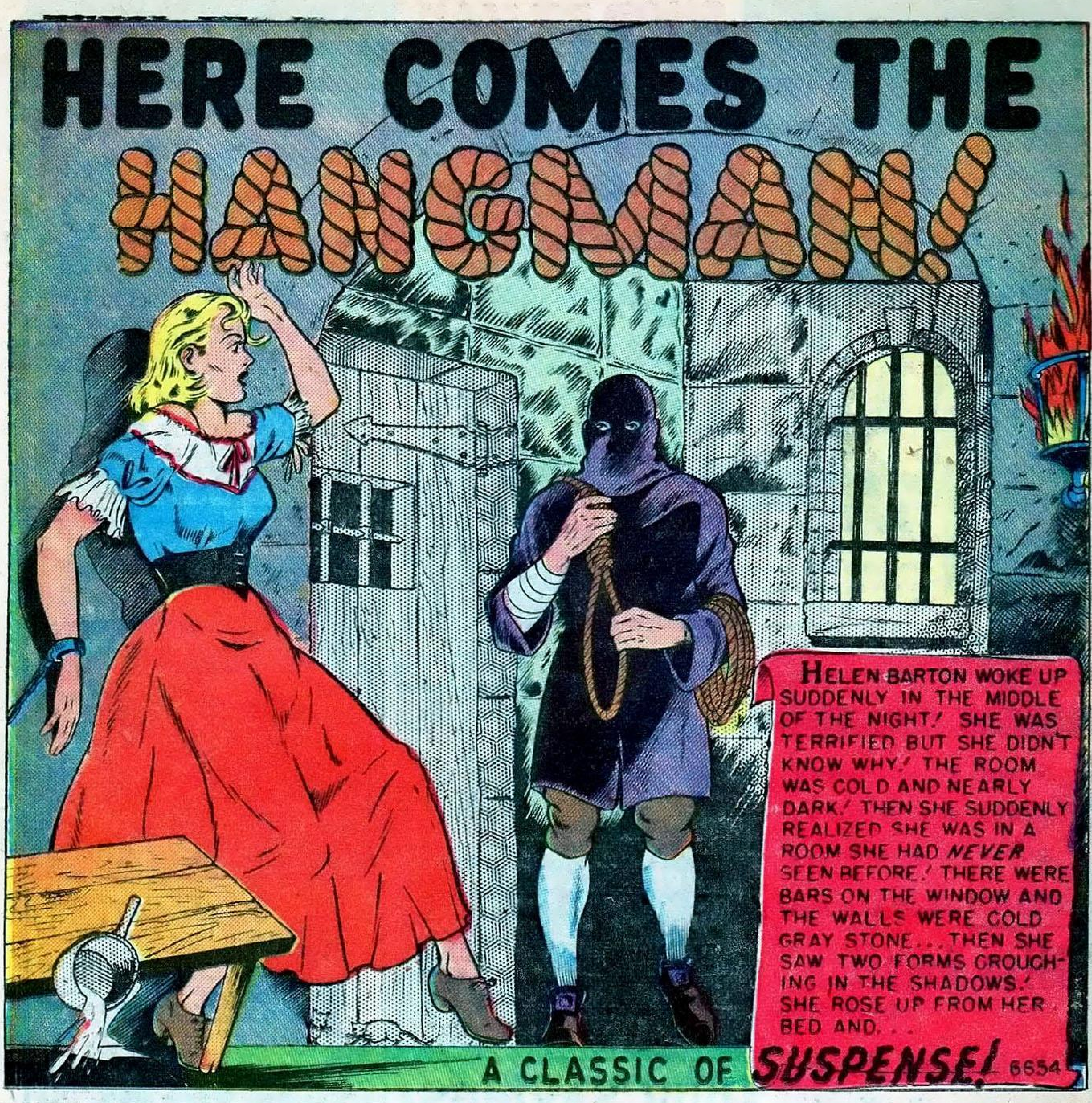
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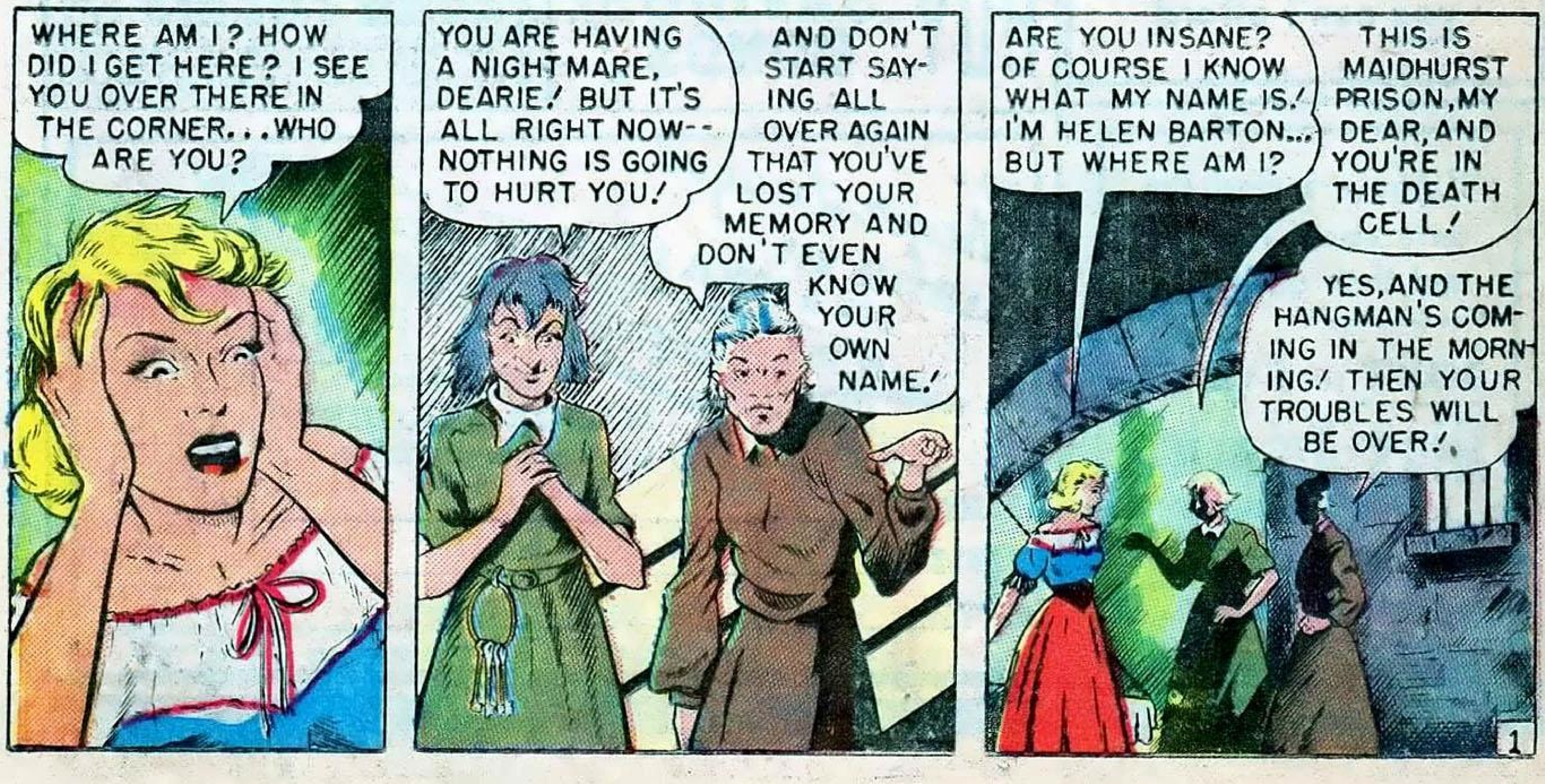
WHERE AM I? HOW DID I GET HERE? I SEE YOU OVER THERE IN THE CORNER...WHO ARE YOU?
YOU ARE HAVING A NIGHTMARE, DEARIE! BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW--NOTHING IS GOING TO HURT YOU!
AND DON'T START SAYING ALL OVER AGAIN THAT YOU'VE LOST YOUR MEMORY AND DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR OWN NAME!
ARE YOU INSANE? OF COURSE I KNOW WHAT MY NAME IS! I'M HELEN BARTON... BUT WHERE AM I?
THIS IS MAIDHURST PRISON, MY DEAR, AND YOU'RE IN THE DEATH CELL!
YES, AND THE HANGMAN'S COMING IN THE MORNING! THEN YOUR TROUBLES WILL BE OVER!
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THE HANGMAN! GET AWAY FROM ME! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
SHE'S GONE CRAZY MAD, HANNAH! QUICK--GRAB HER! MAYBE WE SHOULD GET A STRAIT-JACKET!
NO--WE CAN TAKE CARE OF HER! COME NOW, DEARIE, NO TRICKS! WE JUST WANT TO MAKE YOU NICE AND COMFORTABLE!
LOOK! LOOK! IT'S SNOWING OUTSIDE--BUT IT COULDN'T BE SNOWING IN AUGUST! NOW I KNOW I'M CRAZY!
THAT'S A GOOD GIRL--WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE! IT'S THE [illegible] OF DECEMBER, MY DEAR! COME NOW, LET'S SIT DOWN!
HOLD HER TIGHT, HANNAH--THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THE LIKES OF HER WILL DO!
LET ME GO! I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG! WHY AM I HERE? WHY? THE LAST THING I REMEMBER, I HAD PHILIP'S LETTER AND WAS GOING TO SEE HIM!
PHILIP! WHO'S PHILIP?
WHY, PHILIP GALE! HE'S THE MAN I WAS GOING TO MARRY! BUT YOU SAY THIS IS MAIDHURST PRISON--AND I'M TO HANG IN THE MORNING! BUT WHY?
SO HELP ME, I BELIEVE YOU DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE, OR THE GHASTLY THING YOU'VE DONE!
YOU MURDERED PHILIP GALE--THE MAN YOU WERE GOING TO MARRY! AND YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR CRIME IN THE MORNING!
I MURDERED PHILIP? NO! NO! THAT ISN'T TRUE! IT CAN'T BE!
AND AS THOSE TERRIFIED SCREAMS ECHOED THROUGH THE PRISON HALLS, A LONE FIGURE STOOD, SILENTLY WATCHING...
I DIDN'T KILL PHILIP! PLEASE, SOMEBODY---BELIEVE ME!
THEY THINK SHE'S CRAZY!
JUST A FEW HOURS MORE AND SHE'LL PAY FOR HER CRIME! AH... SOMEBODY'S COMING!
IT'S THE HANGMAN! HE COMES EARLY TO TEST HIS ROPE AND TO SHAPE THE NOOSE! HE'S MY FRIEND... FOR, WHEN THE SUN COMES UP, HIS VICTIM WILL BE HELEN BARTON!

MEANWHILE, IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE, THE PONDEROUS FIGURE OF DR. WISE FILLED A CHAIR! FOR LONG MOMENTS HE WATCHED THE WARDEN PACE THE FLOOR.
I HATE EXECUTIONS! BUT, MIND YOU, THERE'S NO DOUBT WHATEVER ABOUT HELEN BARTON'S GUILT!
THEN SHE HAS CONFESSED?
NO! SHE KEEPS BLABBERING SOME NONSENSE ABOUT 'NOT REMEMBERING'! SHE'S SHAMMING... PRETENDING TO HAVE LOST HER MEMORY! WHY, SHE CLAIMS SHE DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER HER OWN NAME!
TELL ME ABOUT HER, WARDEN! WHERE DOES SHE COME FROM? WHO WAS THIS MAN SHE KILLED? AND WHY?
HELEN WAS BORN IN MAIDHURST! SHE GOT MIXED UP WITH A THOROUGH-GOING SWINE NAMED PHILIP GALE! SHE WAS CRAZY ABOUT HIM! THEN ONE NIGHT HE THREW HER OVER FOR A RICH WIDOW AND SENT HER A LETTER, EXPLAINING!
IT'S FROM PHILIP, ISN'T IT, HELEN? IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG?
NO, MOTHER-- NOTHING EXCEPT THAT HE'S BROKEN OUR ENGAGEMENT AND IS GOING TO MARRY LADY WRIGHT! I'M GOING TO SEE HIM!
PLEASE DON'T GO, HELEN! PLEASE, HELEN-- I'M AFRAID!
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! I'M GLAD I FOUND OUT WHAT A SCOUNDREL HE IS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! AND I'M GOING TO TELL HIM SO TO HIS FACE!
SAY--AIN'T THAT HELEN BARTON? THAT NO-GOOD PHILIP GALE HAS THROWN HER OVER!
THAT'S RIGHT! AN' NOW SHE'S MAKING A FOOL OF HERSELF BY RIDING TO HIS HOUSE, AS BOLD AS BRASS!
PHILIP! PHILIP! WHERE ARE YOU? I GOT YOUR NOTE AND WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

YES--YES, GO ON! AND THERE WAS A WITNESS TO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT, I PRESUME?
CERTAINLY! HE SAW HER ENTER THE HOUSE AND GO DIRECTLY TO THE PARLOR! HE HEARD HER TALKING TO PHILIP...
HELEN! I HARDLY EXPECTED TO SEE YOU HERE!
SO YOU'VE FOUND SOMEONE WITH MORE MONEY THAN I HAVE, PHILIP! THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE BROKEN OUR ENGAGEMENT!
"THIS IS WHAT HE CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD..."
NO! DON'T TRY TO DENY IT! I WON'T GIVE YOU UP! I'D RATHER SEE YOU DEAD THAN HAVE THE WHOLE COUNTRY-SIDE LAUGHING AT ME!
SUPPOSE YOU LET ME TAKE YOU HOME! WE'LL TALK IT OVER ON THE WAY! HELEN--*PUT DOWN THAT GUN!*
DON'T SHOOT A DEFENSELESS MAN, HELEN! LET ME GIVE YOU MY SIDE OF THE STORY! PLEASE, HELEN--DON'T MURDER ME!
SO NOW YOU'RE SNIVELING, AND BEGGING FOR MERCY--JUST LIKE YOU, PHILIP! YOU'RE A COWARD OR YOU WOULD HAVE TOLD ME TO MY FACE THAT YOU WANTED TO THROW ME OVER! SAY YOUR PRAYERS, PHILIP!
THERE! YOU'LL NEVER RUIN ANOTHER GIRL'S LIFE WITH YOUR LIES! NEVER!
HELEN, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE ...HELEN! UGHHH!...
WHAT HAVE I DONE? OH--WHAT HAVE I DONE? PERHAPS I CAN GET A DOCTOR! PERHAPS HE ISN'T REALLY DEAD!
...AND THAT'S HOW OUR WITNESS HEARD IT, DR. WISE! THE JURY MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE LENIENT IF SHE HADN'T SHOT HIM WHEN HE HAD HIS HANDS RAISED, BEGGING FOR MERCY!
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SHE DRILLED HIM CLEAN THROUGH THE HEART AT FIFTEEN FEET! THE BULLET ENTERED IN A STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH COAT, WAIST COAT, SHIRT AND SKIN! YOU COULD HAVE RUN A PENCIL THROUGH THE HOLES!
BUT--SINCE THE SHOOTING, HELEN BARTON INSISTS SHE CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HER OWN NAME! WHO WAS THE WITNESS?
THERE HE IS, DR. WISE! THAT'S HERBERT GALE, BROTHER OF THE THE MURDERED MAN--HE SWORE HE HEARD EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED FROM OUTSIDE! HE COULDN'T GET INSIDE IN TIME TO HELP PHILIP!
SHE'S CARRYING ON SOMETHING AWFUL, WARDEN! SHE SAYS--WELL, SHE SAYS SHE REMEMBERS NOW--CLAIMS SHE NEVER DONE IT!
WHAT'S THAT? NOW SHE'S INVENTING A STORY TO MAKE US POSTPONE THE EXECUTION!
THERE'RE ONLY A FEW MINUTES TILL HER TIME IS UP, WARDEN! COME ON, LET'S HEAR WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY!
ALL RIGHT--BUT IT WON'T AFFECT THE ISSUE!
AND, AS DAWN NEARED, THE LONE SENTINEL PACED RESTLESSLY BEFORE THE GLOOMY PRISON...
THEY'VE LIT THE LIGHT IN THE HANGMAN'S HALL! IN A FEW MINUTES IT WILL BE ALL OVER! I WON'T REST EASILY UNTIL I'M SURE SHE'S DEAD!
THERE, THERE, DEARIE! HANNAH HAS GONE FOR THE WARDEN, AND HE'LL HEAR YOUR STORY! WHY, HE'S COMING NOW!
YES, YES! HE'S GOT TO LISTEN TO ME!!
DR. WISE--I DIDN'T DO IT! LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED! PLEASE BELIEVE ME!
GO AHEAD, CHILD! TELL US YOUR STORY--I PROMISE WE'LL LISTEN!

WHEN I FIRST WOKE UP HERE I DIDN'T EVEN REMEMBER THAT PHILIP WAS DEAD! I THOUGHT I WAS STILL GOING TO MARRY HIM! THEN I REMEMBERED HIS LETTER AND IT ALL CAME BACK TO ME!
I WAS DETERMINED TO TELL HIM TO HIS FACE THAT I WAS THROUGH--FINISHED! I PUSHED OPEN THE DOOR, AND...
PHILIP! PHILIP! WHERE ARE YOU? I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU!
PHILIP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE ON THE FLOOR? GET UP! WHY--OOOOHH!
PHILIP! WHAT'S HAPPENED? YOU... HE'S DEAD!
I REMEMBER STAGGERING TOWARD THE DOOR TO GET HELP--THEN EVERYTHING WENT BLACK!
THEY HAVEN'T TOLD YOU THAT THERE WAS A WITNESS WHO CLAIMS HE HEARD YOU THREATEN AND SHOOT PHILIP! IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU REMEMBER? THINK HARD!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME! HOW COULD ANYONE SWEAR THEY SAW ME WHEN IT WASN'T TRUE? BUT JUST BEFORE EVERYTHING WENT BLACK, I REMEMBER WONDERING WHY HE WAS WEARING A WAISTCOAT ON SUCH A HOT DAY!
WHAT AN IDIOT I'VE BEEN! WHAT A DUNCE! THE MURDERED MAN WAS WEARING A WAISTCOAT! GRASP THAT BEAUTIFUL FACT! BRING THE EXHIBITS OF THIS CASE HERE AT ONCE!

AND, SECONDS LATER, IN THE COLD CLAMMY DEATH CHAMBER...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, HANNAH? DON'T YOU KNOW THE EXECUTION IS ABOUT READY TO BEGIN? GET ALONG WITH YOU!
I'M LOOKIN' FOR THE EXHIBITS OF THE CASE! THE WARDEN AND DR. WISE WANTS THEM! HAVE YOU SEEN THEM HEREABOUTS?
NO! AND I HOPE YOU DON'T FIND THEM! THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO CHEAT ME--BUT THEY WON'T! TAKE YOUR TIME, HANNAH! IF YOU DON'T FIND THEM, THERE WON'T BE ANY EXCUSE TO DELAY!
THIS BOX MIGHT BE THEM --AN' YET AGAIN IT MIGHTN'T!
WHILE, IN THE CELL...
YOU SAID THAT HERBERT GALE IS OUTSIDE, WAITING FOR THE EXECUTION TO BE OVER? QUICK, WARDEN--HAVE HIM BROUGHT IN AT ONCE!
IT'S AGAINST THE RULES, BUT I'LL DO IT! IF YOU THINK THIS GIRL IS INNOCENT, I'LL DO IT!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SAVE ME, DOCTOR? IS THERE ANY CHANCE?
WE'LL SEE! MAYBE IN A VERY SHORT TIME A CERTAIN GENTLEMAN WILL BE TAKING YOUR PLACE! BUT DON'T HOPE FOR ANYTHING YET! AH--HERE COMES THE WARDEN WITH HERBERT NOW!
AH--THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHAT I WANT--THE WAISTCOAT! HAND IT OVER!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME? I DIDN'T WANT TO COME IN HERE! I JUST WANTED TO WAIT OUTSIDE UNTIL I KNEW MY BROTHER'S KILLER HAD PAID THE PENALTY!
WHY DID YOU LIE? WHY DID YOU TELL THEM YOU HEARD ME SHOOT PHILIP? TELL THEM IT'S A LIE, HERBERT--TELL THEM!
I'M SORRY, HELEN! BUT YOU *DID* SHOOT POOR PHILIP AFTER YOU'D ASKED HIM TO PUT UP HIS HANDS!
EXCUSE ME, MY DEAR, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK HERBERT TO DO ME A FAVOR! SLIP ON THESE CLOTHES YOUR BROTHER WAS MURDERED IN, PLEASE!
I SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY THIS, BUT I'LL PUT THEM ON!

I DON'T QUITE SEE THE SENSE TO THIS, DR. WISE! IN JUST THREE MINUTES HELEN BARTON GOES TO THE GALLOWS --WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
I DON'T LIKE IT, EITHER, WARDEN! WHY SHOULD HE MAKE ME WEAR MY DEAD BROTHER'S WAISTCOAT?
JUST ONE SECOND, AND YOU SHALL SEE! AND NOW, HERBERT GALE...
QUICK, HERBERT--PUT UP YOUR HANDS OR I'LL SHOOT!
WHY... ER... YES! YES! STOP HIM, WARDEN!
SEE, GENTLEMEN! WHEN HE RAISES HIS HANDS, THE BULLET HOLE IN HIS COAT RAISES WITH IT--BUT *THE WAISTCOAT DOESN'T MOVE!* YET, THE BULLET, YOU TOLD ME, PENETRATED IN A STRAIGHT LINE! THEREFORE PHILIP GALE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE HAD HIS HANDS UP WHEN HE WAS SHOT! THEREFORE HERBERT GALE'S STORY IS A LIE!
SMART, AREN'T YOU? BUT YOU WON'T TAKE ME! I'LL KILL THE FIRST ONE WHO LAYS A HAND ON ME!
GIVE YOURSELF UP, HERBERT! YOU TOLD THE JURY YOU HEARD MISS BARTON SHOOT A MAN WITH HIS HANDS RAISED HIGH IN THE AIR! YOU CONDEMNED THAT GIRL TO DEATH! I DESTROY THAT LIE, AND I'VE DESTROYED THE WHOLE CASE!
IT'S TRUE! I KILLED MY BROTHER BECAUSE I KNEW I WOULD INHERIT HIS MONEY! BUT YOU WON'T GET ME!
GOOD WORK, MY MAN--YOU CAUGHT HIM BEFORE HE COULD DO ANY MORE MURDERING! TAKE HIM TO THE CONDEMNED CELL!
HE WON'T ESCAPE! SOMEBODY'S GOT TO PAY FOR THE CRIME--AND HE'S THE ONE!
OH, DOCTOR, HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU? IF YOU HADN'T COME, I'D BE STANDING IN THE HANGMAN'S NOOSE RIGHT NOW!
THANK GOODNESS THE RIGHT PARTY IS BEING EXECUTED! AS FOR YOU, MY DEAR--FORGET ALL ABOUT THIS UGLY INCIDENT!
THE END

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE... ALONE WITH MURDER!

A GRIPPING STUDY IN SUSPENSE!
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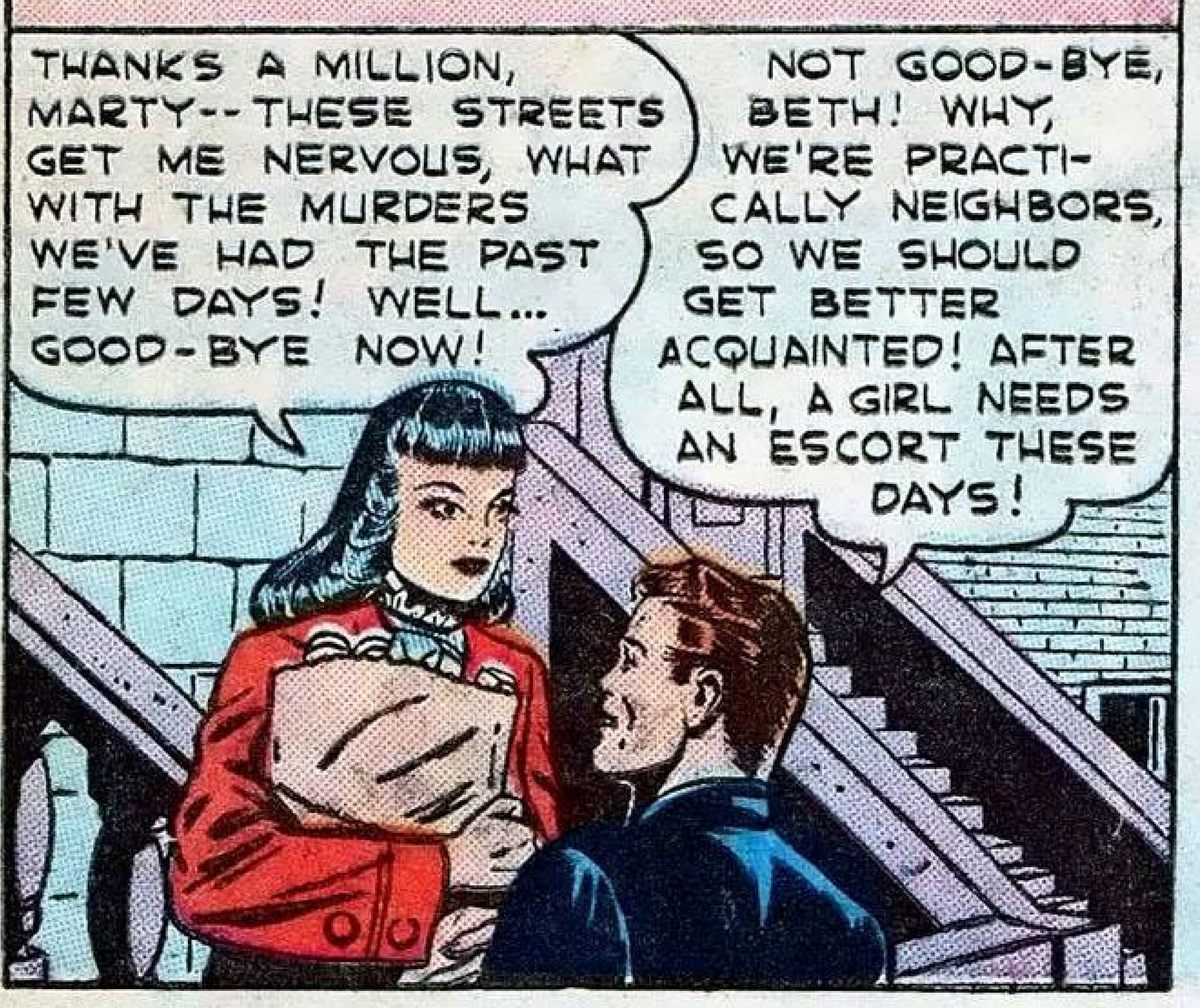
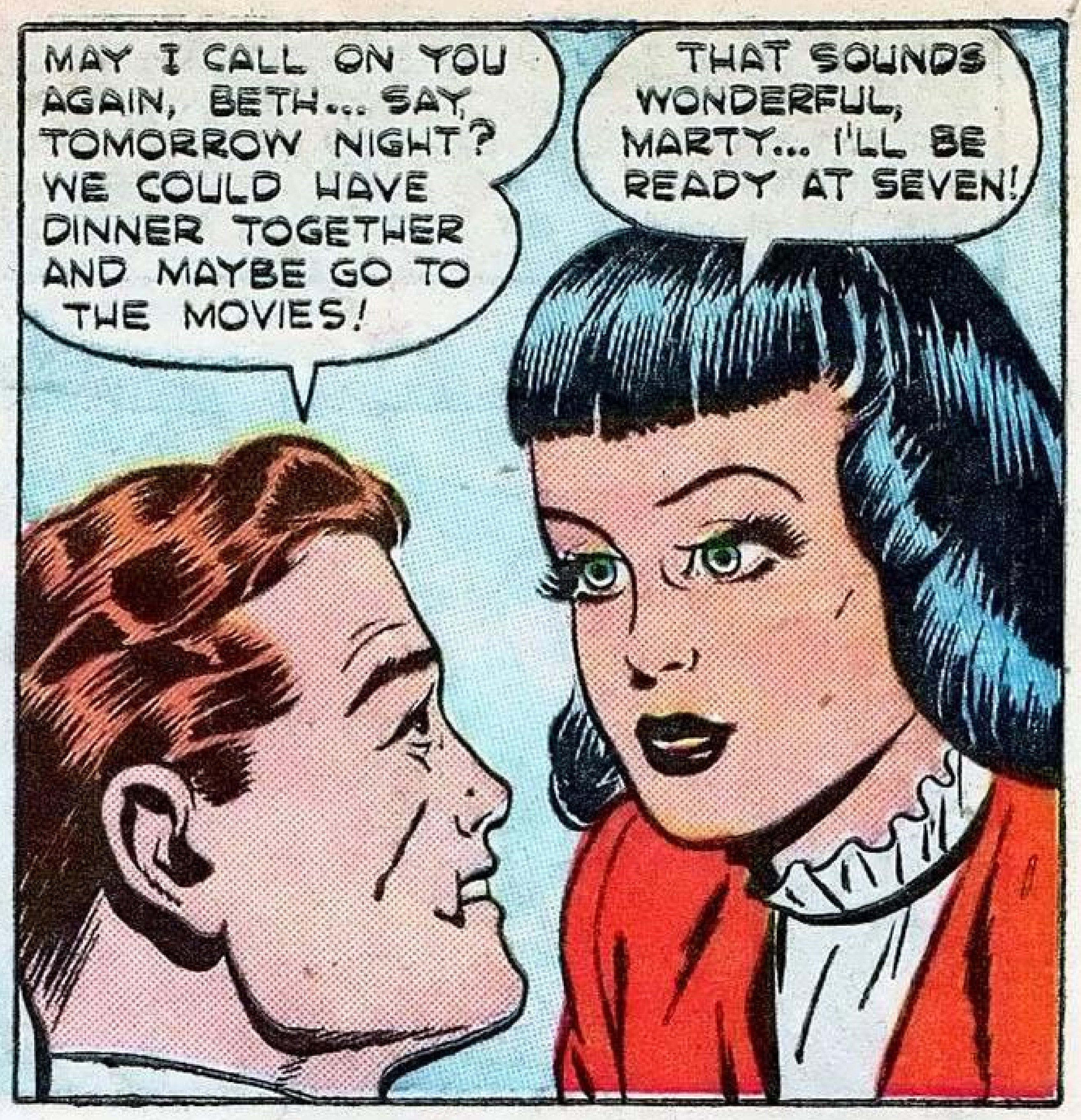
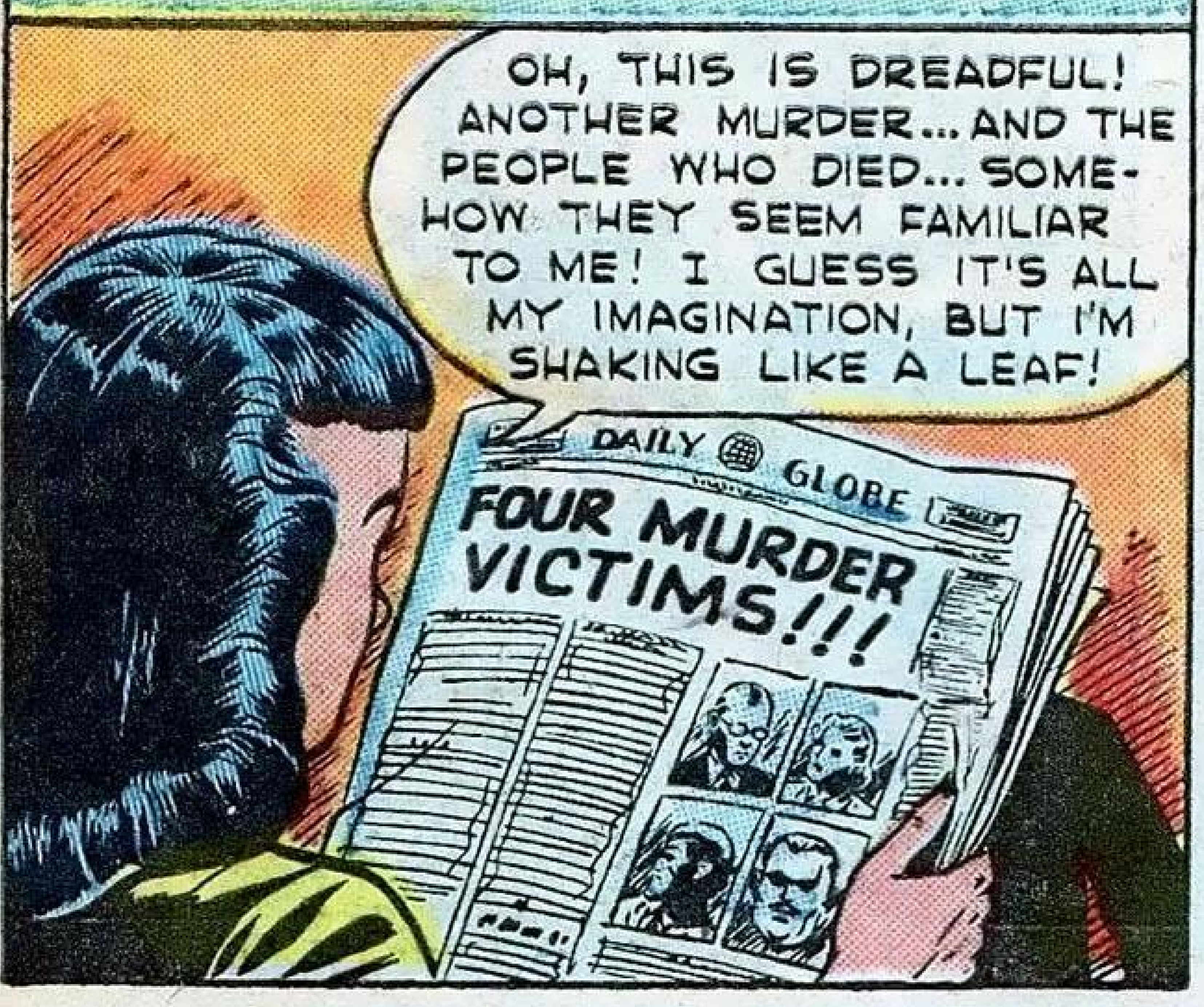
IT WAS THE EVENING AFTER THE THIRD NEIGHBORHOOD MURDER... A TIME I WAS LONG TO REMEMBER! I SHOPPED HURRIEDLY, EAGER TO BE HOME BEFORE NIGHTFALL...
THREE MURDERS IN THREE DAYS! THAT'S A LOT FOR A CITY THIS SIZE-- IT'S FRIGHTENING!
I WAS SO DEEPLY ENGROSSED WITH MY THOUGHTS, I WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING! THE NEXT INSTANT...
OH!
OOPS! SORRY, MISS, BUT YOU CHARGED AROUND THAT CORNER LIKE A TEN-TON TRUCK!
CROCKER
THERE-- GUESS EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL NOW! YOU WERE TRYING TO HANDLE TOO MUCH OF A LOAD... BETTER LET ME HELP YOU!
WELL...GUESS I COULD USE SOME HELP!
HIS GRIN WAS INFECTIOUS! THE NEXT MOMENT I WAS SMILING BACK AND...
THAT'S BETTER! YOU'RE MIGHTY PRETTY WHEN YOU SMILE! MY NAME IS MARTY GROVE... WHAT'S YOURS?
THANKS, MARTY! I'M BETH HUGHES-- THIS IS VERY KIND OF YOU!

IT WAS ONLY A SHORT BLOCK, BUT WE BOTH SLOWED THE PACE DELIBERATELY, SEEMINGLY ANXIOUS TO MAKE THESE MOMENTS OF COMPANIONSHIP LAST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE!

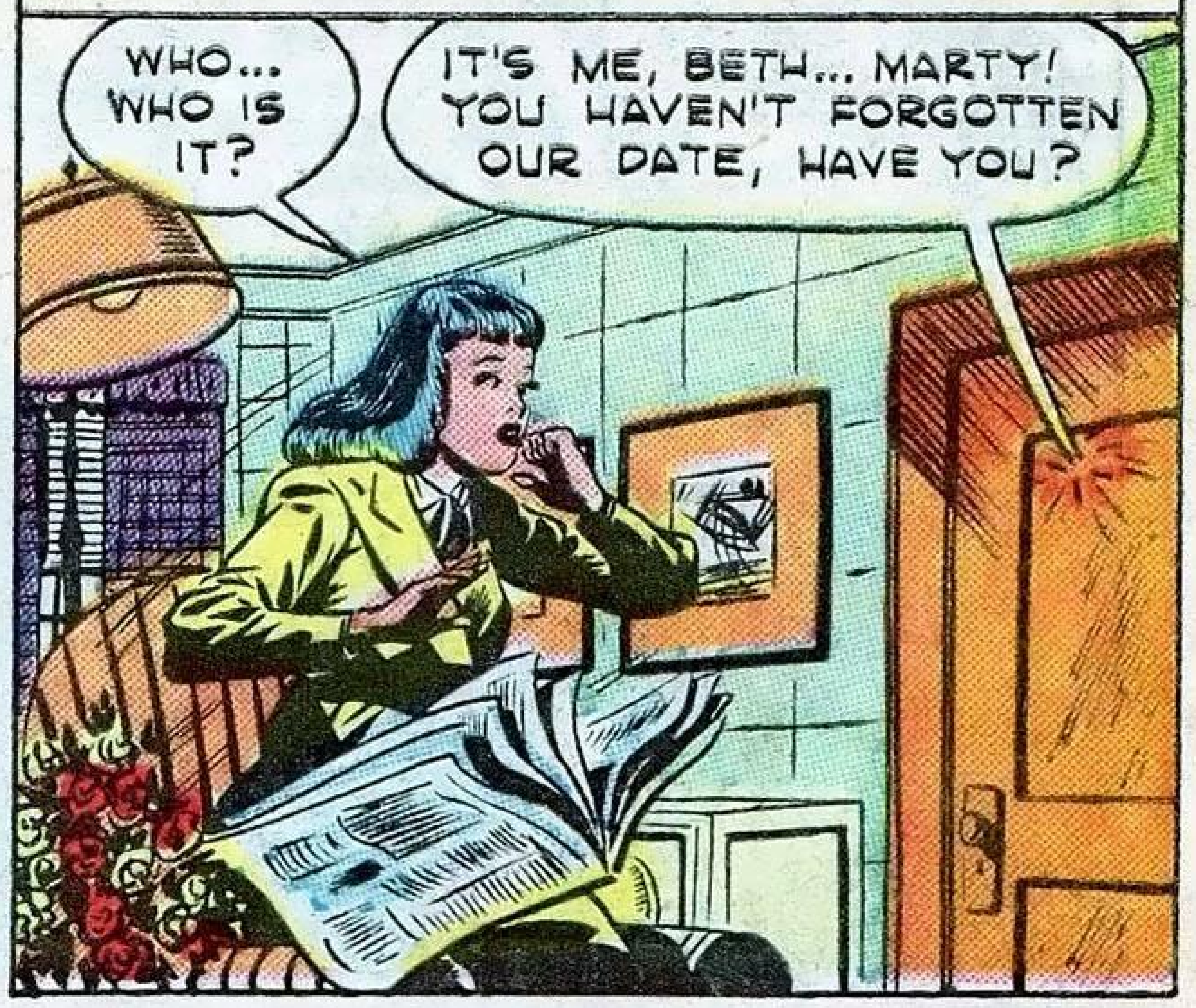

THANKS A MILLION, MARTY-- THESE STREETS GET ME NERVOUS, WHAT WITH THE MURDERS WE'VE HAD THE PAST FEW DAYS! WELL... GOOD-BYE NOW!
NOT GOOD-BYE, BETH! WHY, WE'RE PRACTICALLY NEIGHBORS, SO WE SHOULD GET BETTER ACQUAINTED! AFTER ALL, A GIRL NEEDS AN ESCORT THESE DAYS!

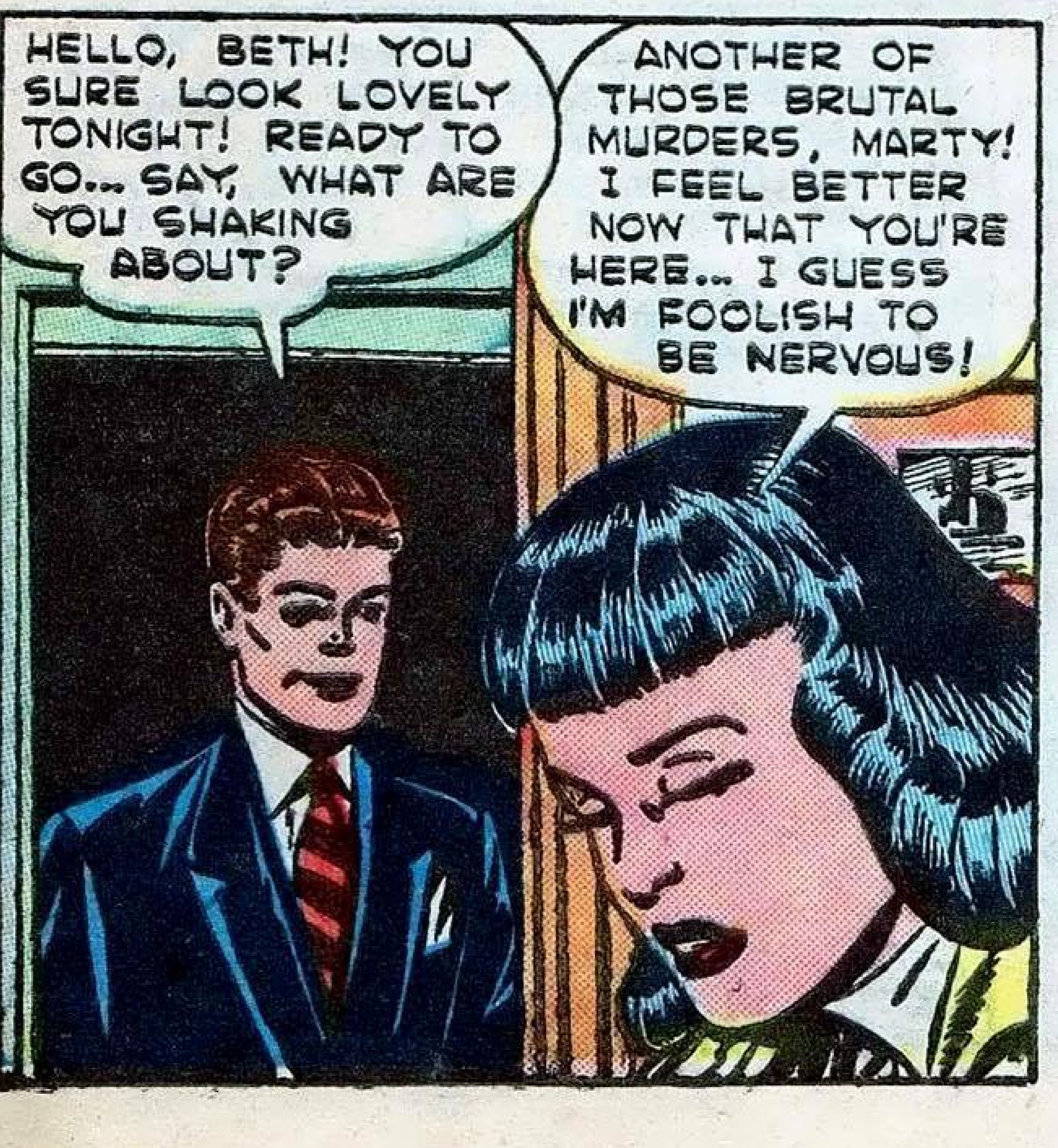

MAY I CALL ON YOU AGAIN, BETH... SAY, TOMORROW NIGHT? WE COULD HAVE DINNER TOGETHER AND MAYBE GO TO THE MOVIES!
THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL, MARTY... I'LL BE READY AT SEVEN!

I'D NEVER REALIZED TIME COULD DRAG SO! THE NEXT DAY MY THOUGHTS WERE ALL ON MARTY AND THE EVENING AHEAD! THEN, WHEN I PICKED UP THE NEWSPAPER...

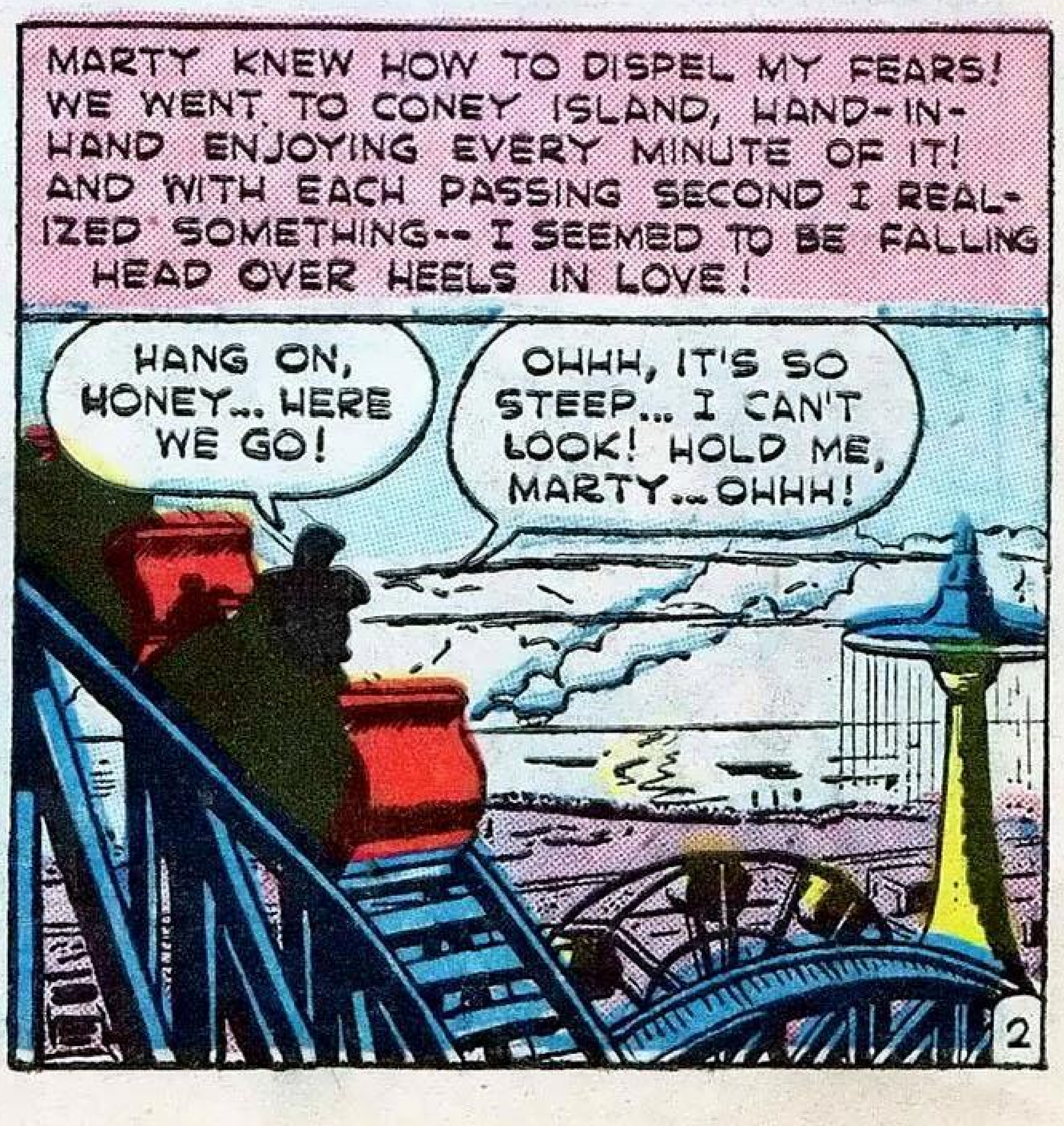

OH, THIS IS DREADFUL! ANOTHER MURDER... AND THE PEOPLE WHO DIED... SOMEHOW THEY SEEM FAMILIAR TO ME! I GUESS IT'S ALL MY IMAGINATION, BUT I'M SHAKING LIKE A LEAF!
DAILY GLOBE
FOUR MURDER VICTIMS!!!

AND AT THAT MOMENT CAME A DEMANDING KNOCK ON THE DOOR! I HALF ROSE, A SCREAM CHOKED IN MY THROAT...


WHO... WHO IS IT?
IT'S ME, BETH... MARTY! YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN OUR DATE, HAVE YOU?


HELLO, BETH! YOU SURE LOOK LOVELY TONIGHT! READY TO GO... SAY, WHAT ARE YOU SHAKING ABOUT?
ANOTHER OF THOSE BRUTAL MURDERS, MARTY! I FEEL BETTER NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE... I GUESS I'M FOOLISH TO BE NERVOUS!

MARTY KNEW HOW TO DISPEL MY FEARS! WE WENT TO CONEY ISLAND, HAND-IN-HAND ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE OF IT! AND WITH EACH PASSING SECOND I REALIZED SOMETHING-- I SEEMED TO BE FALLING HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE!


HANG ON, HONEY... HERE WE GO!
OHHH, IT'S SO STEEP... I CAN'T LOOK! HOLD ME, MARTY... OHHH!

YES, IT WAS A FULL WEEK OF FUN... ROMANCE... AND THERE WERE STARS IN MY EYES WHENEVER I LOOKED AT HIM! IT WAS A MONDAY AFTER THE LAST MURDER WHEN THE TINY VOICE OF SUSPICION SPOKE TO ME...
WE'RE THE BEST-LOOKING COUPLE ON THE FLOOR, DARLING! HAVING A GOOD TIME?
YES, DEAR, BUT... I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT SOMETHING EVER SINCE WE FIRST DANCED TOGETHER!
YOU'RE CARRYING A GUN, AREN'T YOU, MARTY? WHAT DO YOU NEED A GUN FOR... WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS ARE YOU IN? WHEN I THINK OF IT... I'M AFRAID!
WHAT... OH, THAT! DIDN'T I EVER TELL YOU? I'M A GUARD AT THE PLANT... I WEAR THE GUN SO MUCH, IT'S PART OF MY CLOTHES NOW! NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, HONEY!
I KNEW BY HIS EXPRESSION THAT HE WASN'T TELLING ME THE TRUTH! LATER, WE LEFT THE NIGHT CLUB!
PLEASE, FOR ME, MARTY... DON'T WEAR THAT AWFUL THING! IT MIGHT GO OFF AND...
DON'T BE SILLY, BETH! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? IF I LEAVE IT HOME, IT MIGHT BE STOLEN! HERE, LET ME CARRY YOUR COAT... IT'S TOO WARM TO WEAR IT!
IT WAS AS WE NEARED HOME THAT I OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION THAT SOMEHOW SEEMED TO CONFIRM MY VAGUE SUSPICION! A POLICE CAR WAS PARKED BY THE CURB, AND...
THAT KILLER'S A TRICKY ONE! THE CHIEF HAS EVERY AVAILABLE MAN ON THE JOB TONIGHT!
WE'LL GET HIM-- HE'S IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SOMEWHERE!
THEN... FROM THE FAR END OF THE STREET...
THAT WAS A SHOT... AND THOSE MEN... THEY'RE RUNNING THIS WAY!
WHAT IS IT, MARTY? *TELL ME-- WHAT IS IT?*
HE'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! COVER THE APARTMENTS ON THE OTHER SIDE... I'LL GO THROUGH THESE!
RIGHT! KEEP WATCH ON THE ROOFS, TOO!
OH, NO! IT CAN'T BE MARTY THEY'RE AFTER!
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IN THE EXCITEMENT, I HURRIED UNNOTICED TO MY ROOM, TENSE WITH FEAR, AND THERE...
BUT IF IT WASN'T MARTY, WHY DID HE RUN? COULD IT BE THAT I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH... WITH A KILLER! IF ONLY I KNEW THE TRUTH!
I HEARD THE FOOTSTEPS OUTSIDE FIRST... THE DOORKNOB TURNED! I WAS RIGID WITH FEAR AS...
MARTY... IT'S YOU!
SURE, HONEY, WHO'D YOU THINK? WEREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK ME IN FOR A MOMENT?
I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO GIVE YOU YOUR COAT... AND TO SAY GOOD NIGHT, TOO!
BUT, MARTY... WHY DID YOU RUN LIKE THAT? MY MIND IS SO CONFUSED!
I STEELED MYSELF FOR HIS EXPLANATION, READY TO DISBELIEVE WHATEVER HE SAID! HE HID HIS WORDS WITH A SMILE WHEN...
I THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE MOVE, DOWN THE CELLAR, AND I WENT AFTER HIM... I KNEW YOU'D BE SAFE WITH THAT CROWD AROUND!
SAFE? NO ONE'S SAFE ANY MORE WITH A KILLER LOOSE... ONE WHOM NOBODY KNOWS!
BUT THERE COULD BE AN ESSENCE OF TRUTH IN HIS WORDS-- TRUTH I MADE MYSELF SEE BECAUSE I LOVED HIM! THEN...
YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO YOU, BETH! I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH FOR THAT... PLEASE BELIEVE ME!
I DO, MY DARLING, I DO... AND I LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW!
YES, HIS LIPS, HIS VOICE, WERE TENDER WITH LOVE... BUT STILL THERE WAS THE COLD HARDNESS OF THE GUN UNDER HIS COAT THAT I FELT AS HE HELD ME IN HIS ARMS! I CLOSED MY EYES TO FORGET IT...
YOU'RE WONDERFUL, BETH... SO WONDERFUL I WANT TO MARRY YOU!
OH, MARTY... DARLING!

I FORCED MYSELF TO PULL BACK OUT OF MARTY'S ARMS, MY MIND IN A TURMOIL OF LOVE AND SUSPICION...
I'LL MAKE SOME COFFEE AND WE'LL HAVE A SNACK BEFORE YOU GO!
GREAT! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I AM SORT OF HUNGRY!
AS I STARTED FOR THE KITCHEN, I NOTICED THE PIECE OF PAPER ON THE FLOOR...
I'LL TAKE IT EASY FOR A FEW MINUTES AND LET YOU DO THE WORK... GOOD PRACTICE FOR A HUSBAND-TO-BE!
OH... THAT PAPER! IT MUST HAVE FALLEN FROM MARTY'S POCKET!
IT HAS MY NAME ON IT!
IT WAS A PUZZLE I COULDN'T FATHOM! WITHOUT MARTY SEEING ME, I HURRIED TO THE KITCHEN, REMOVED THE LETTER AND FELT MY HEART TURN INTO A TRIPHAMMER OF TERROR!
"BETH HUGHES... YOU WILL BE DEAD SOON! YOU'RE FIFTH ON MY LIST..." SIGNED, "THE GUNMAN!"
MARTY... HE'S A KILLER! HE WROTE THAT NOTE... AND THEN DECIDED NOT TO WARN ME AFTER ALL! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY BEFORE HE KILLS ME!
BUT I DARED NOT LET HIM SUSPECT THAT I KNEW! I WAS AT THE DOOR BEFORE HE COULD STOP ME, AND...
THERE'S NO COFFEE, MARTY-- I'LL RUN DOWNSTAIRS AND GET SOME BEFORE THE STORE CLOSES! NO... PLEASE DON'T GET UP... IT WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE!
BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU GOING OUT ALONE...

I SLAMMED THE DOOR BEFORE HE COULD FINISH, AND HURRIED DOWN THE STAIRS! AS I FORMULATED MY PLANS, I TRIED TO HOLD BACK TEARS OF DESPAIR!
I'LL HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE... EXPLAIN THIS LETTER... AND ACCUSE HIM! WILL I GET DOWNSTAIRS IN TIME? HE LOOKED SUSPICIOUS! IF ONLY HE DOESN'T DECIDE TO FOLLOW ME!
THEN... AS I REACHED THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS...
JUST STAY RIGHT THERE, YOU!
WHAT...! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BETH HUGHES-- DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME? HAVE I CHANGED SO MUCH YOU CAN'T TELL WHO I AM?
NO! NO... I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE! PLEASE LET GO OF MY ARM--YOU'RE HURTING ME! OH, PLEASE LET ME GO... I DON'T KNOW YOU!
WELL, TAKE A CLOSER LOOK, BETH HUGHES, AND YOU'LL SEE THE FACE OF A GUY YOU HELPED SEND TO PRISON! YOU WERE ON THE JURY... REMEMBER? AND I SWORE TO KILL EVERY MEMBER OF THAT SAME JURY WHEN I ESCAPED! YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ALL THAT WHEN YOU GOT MY LETTER... ONLY THIS TIME I'M NOT USING A GUN!
YES, I RECOGNIZED HIM THEN... THE MAD FACE OF A RELENTLESS KILLER! I OPENED MY MOUTH TO SCREAM FOR HELP, BUT BEFORE THE SOUND COULD COME...
OH, NO YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT GETTING THE COPS ON MY NECK... NOT BEFORE I FINISH THE JOB! AFTER YOU, I STILL HAVE A FEW MORE TO GO... AND NOTHING IS STOPPING ME, SEE?
I FOUGHT THEN... AND HOW I FOUGHT! BUT THOSE ARMS WERE LIKE STEEL BANDS, AND EVER SO SLOWLY I SAW THE WICKED GLEAM OF THE KNIFE GOING HIGHER AND HIGHER... POISED... READY TO THRUST!
I NEVER GO BACK ON A PROMISE I MAKE TO MYSELF! NOW...

I HAD A SPLIT-SECOND'S GLIMPSE OF LIGHT FROM THE OPEN DOOR ABOVE... THEN FROM ABOVE THE DARKNESS, A BODY HURTLED DOWNWARD, AND...
MARTY!
AHHH!
LET GO OF HER!
IT HAPPENED TOO FAST TO DESCRIBE! THERE WAS A FLURRY OF COMMOTION, THE HARSH RASP OF BREATH, THE THUD OF FISTS ON FLESH, THEN...
LOOK OUT, MARTY-- THE KNIFE!
STAND BACK, BETH!
YOU DIRTY... UGH!
DARLING... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? DID HE HURT YOU? I WAS A FOOL FOR EVER LETTING YOU GO OUT ALONE! PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO HURT ME, DARLING... YOU GOT HERE TOO SOON! OH, MARTY... YOU WERE WONDERFUL!
OUTSIDE THERE WAS THE SCREAM OF SIRENS, THE POUNDING OF MANY FEET, AND...
WHAT HAPPENED, CAPTAIN... OH, YOU GOT HIM, EH? GUESS THAT'S THE END OF THIS KILLING BUSINESS!
THAT'S RIGHT, JOHNNY --YOU CAN CALL THE CORONER NOW!
BUT, MARTY... CAPTAIN... WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I'M A COP, BETH, THAT'S WHY I CARRY A GUN! WE KNEW WHO THIS THUG WAS AND WHY HE KILLED... AND WE KNEW YOU WERE ON HIS LIST WHEN WE INTERCEPTED HIS NOTE TO YOU! I MANAGED TO MEET YOU AND STAY WITH YOU AS PROTECTION, KNOWING THE KILLER WOULD TRY FOR YOU! YOU WERE NEVER TOLD BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO SCARE YOU!
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BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE MORE THAN JUST PART OF THE JOB, DARLING! FROM NOW ON, I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU AGAIN! I DO LOVE YOU SO MUCH, BETH!
AND ALL THAT WHILE I THOUGHT... OH WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW... I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT A LOVE LIKE OURS HAD TO BE TRUE!
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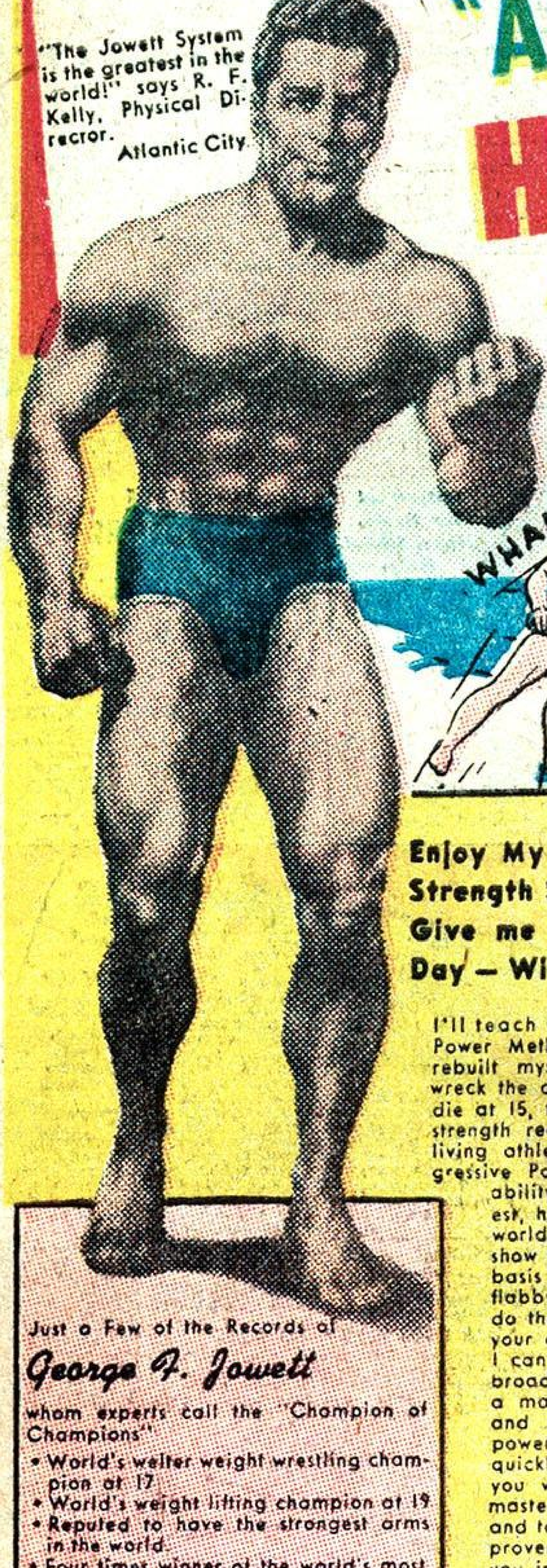

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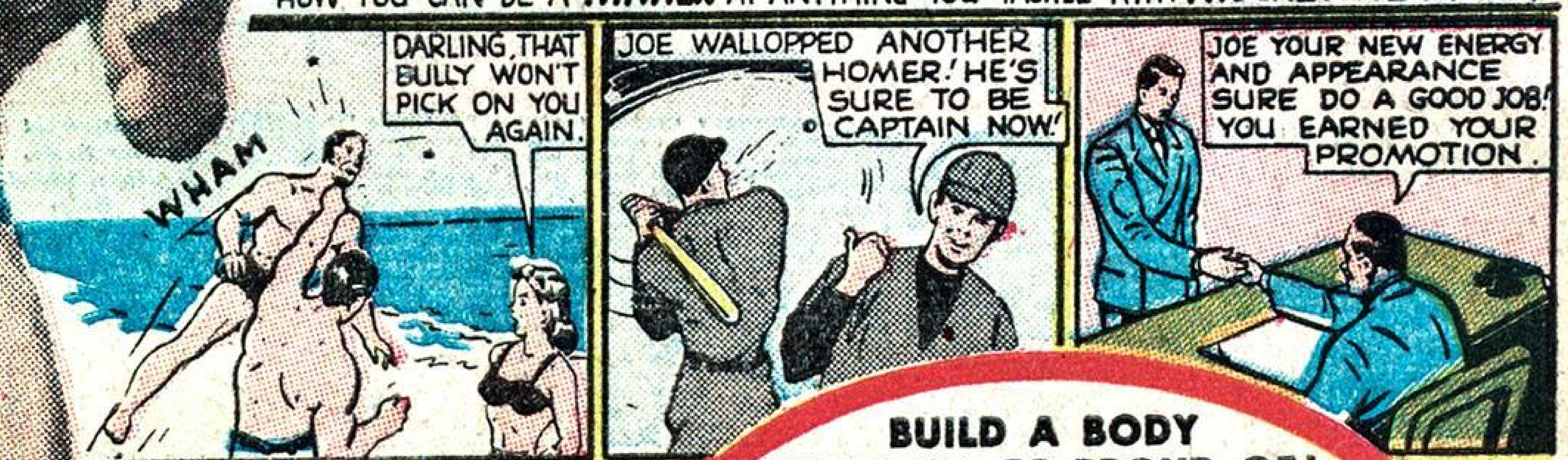
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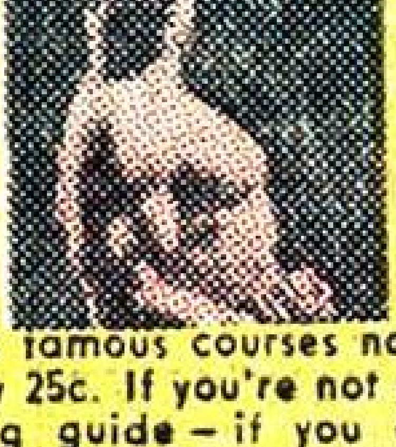

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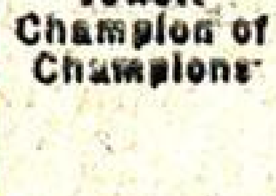

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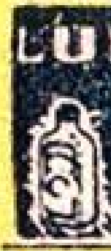

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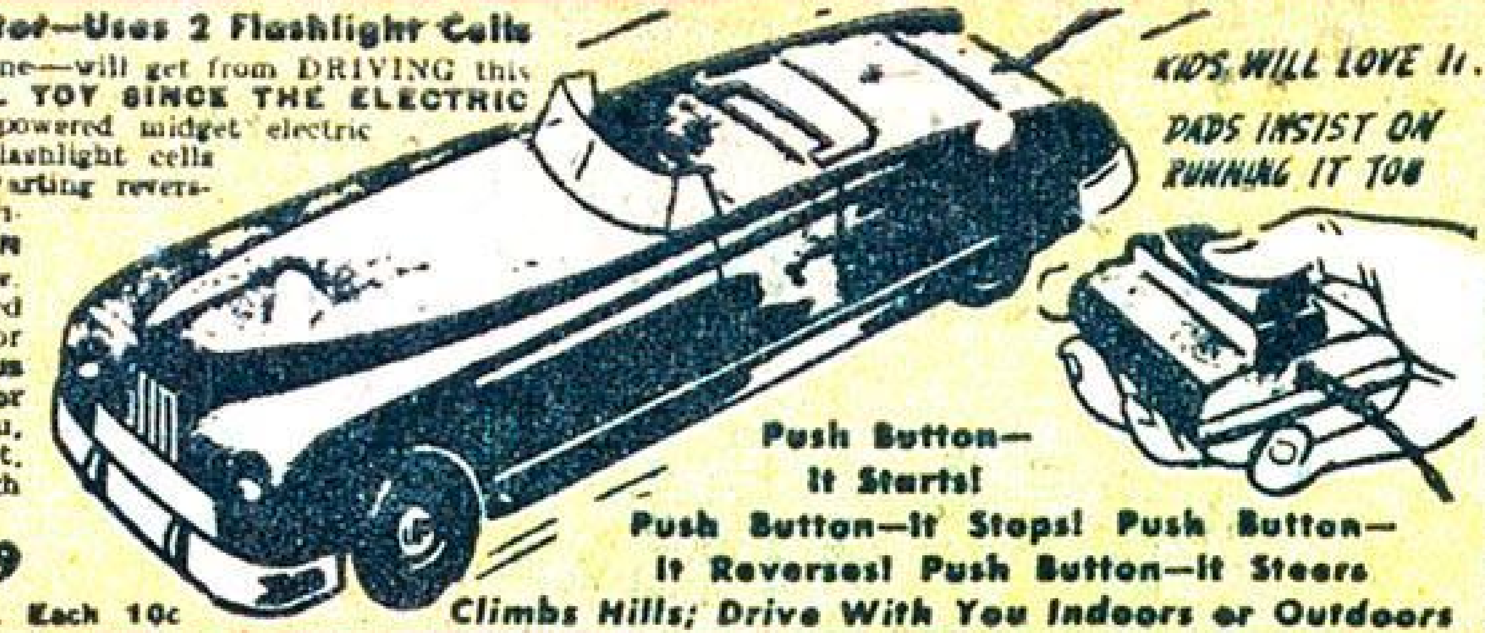
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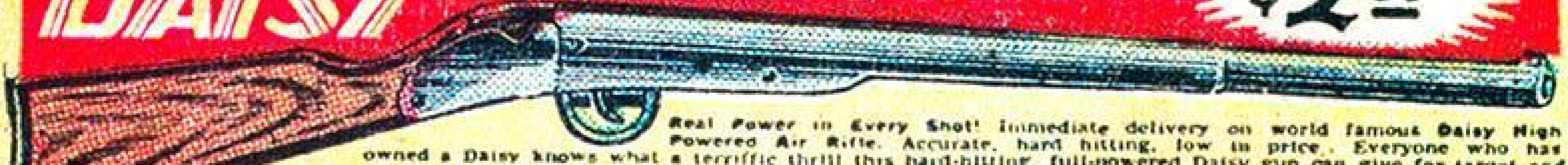

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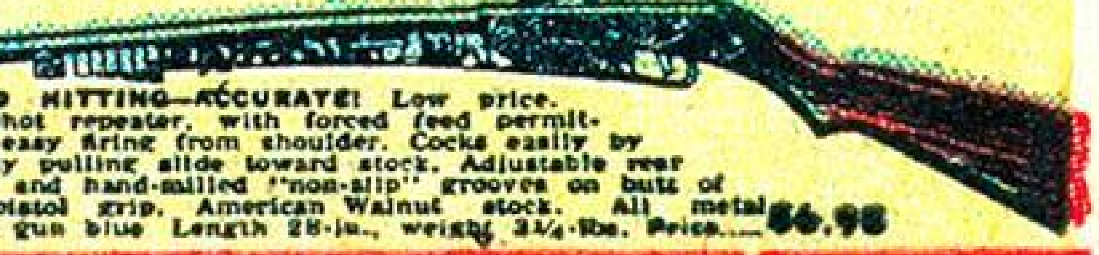

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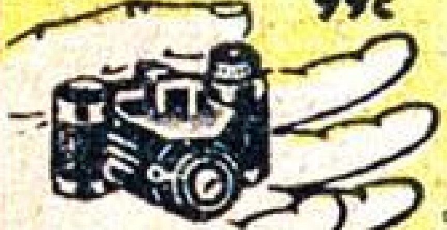

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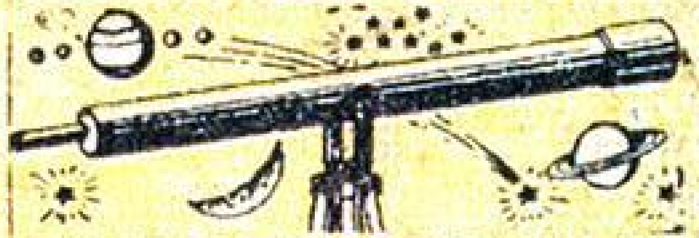

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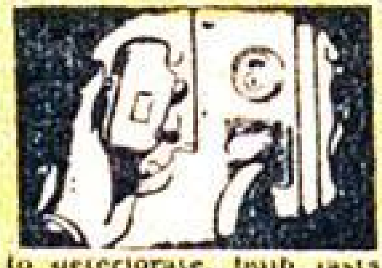

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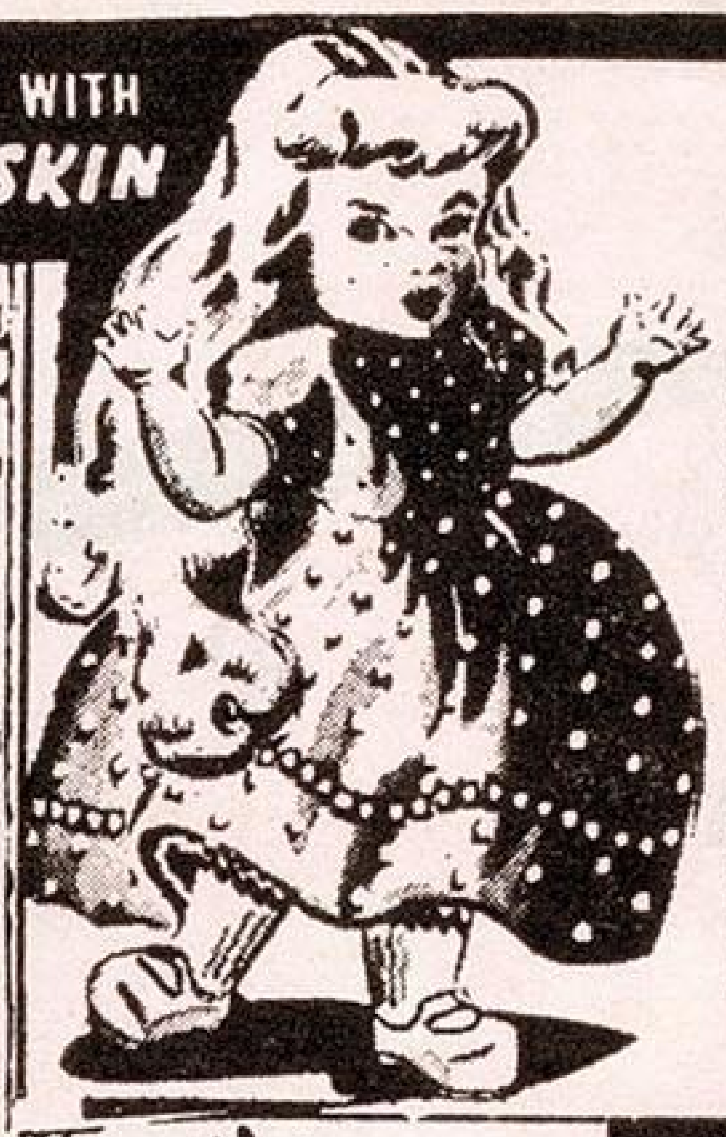

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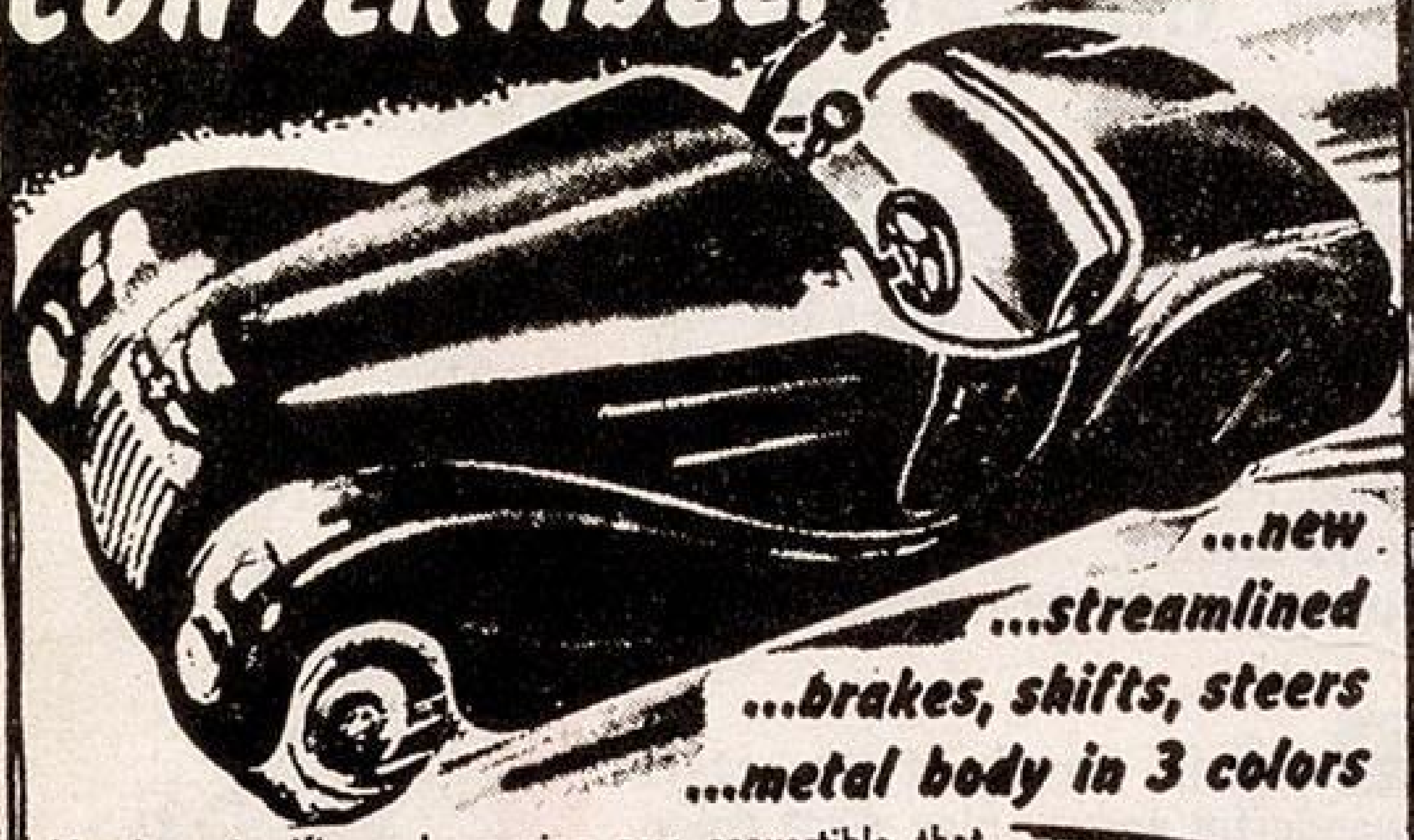

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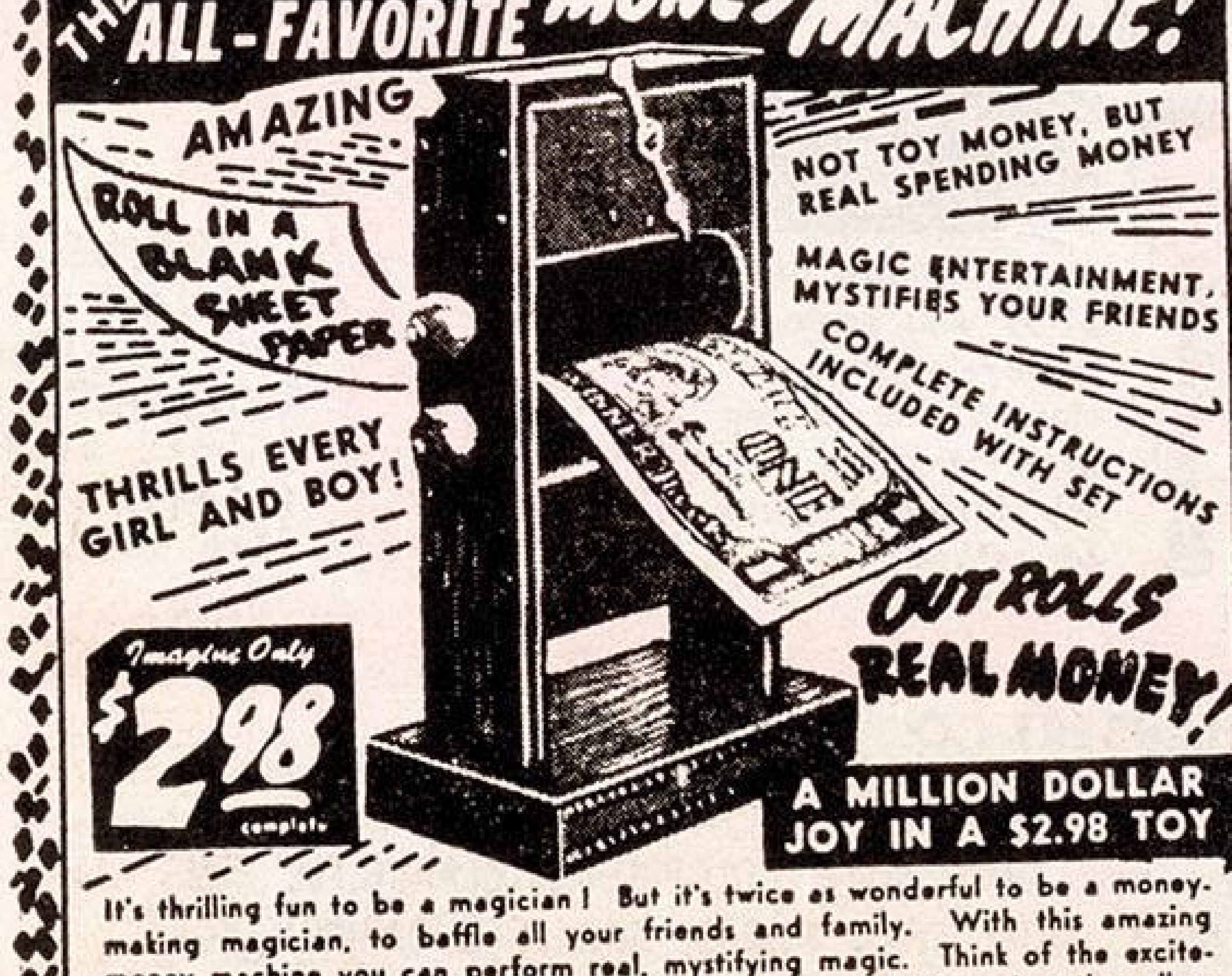
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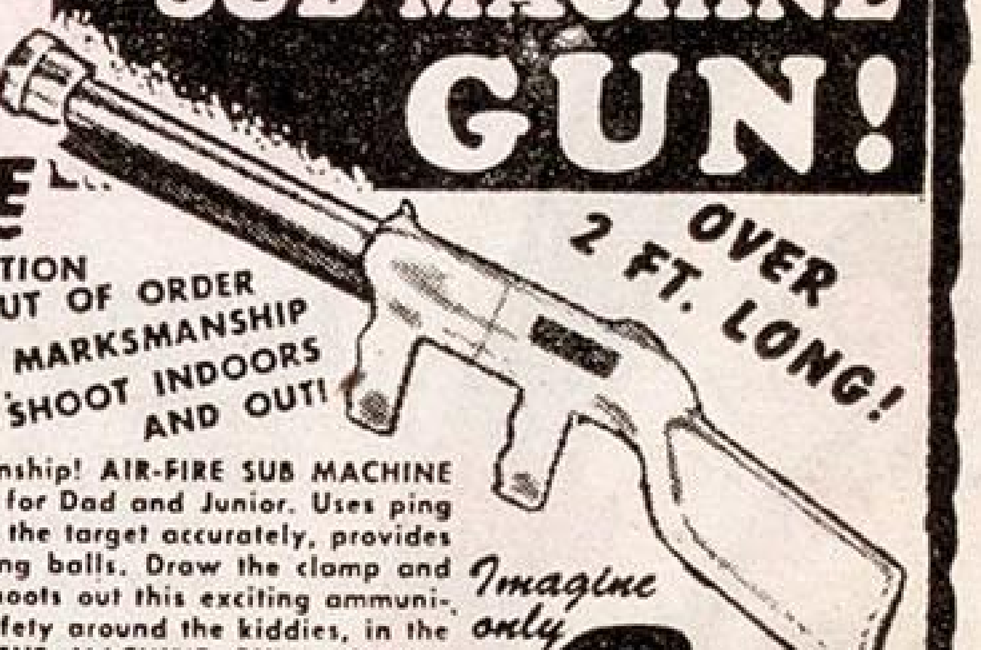
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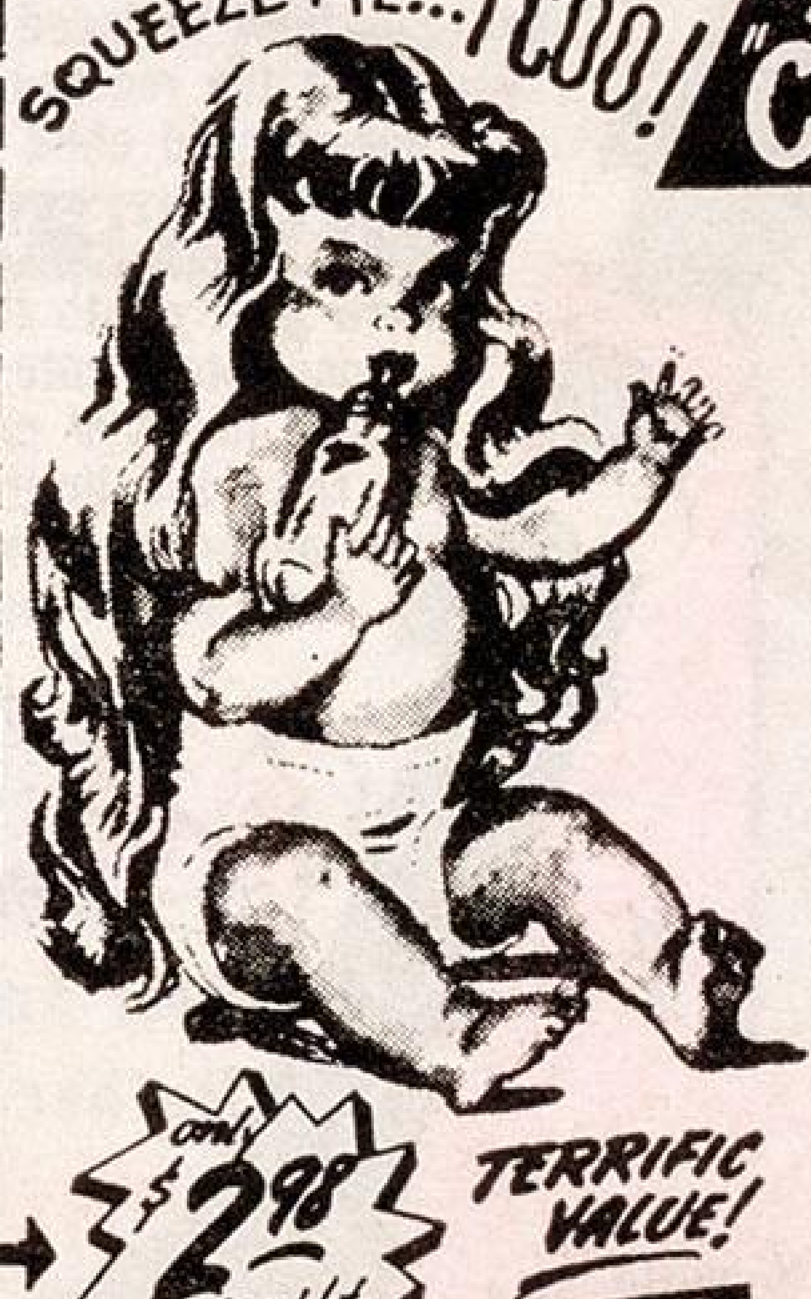

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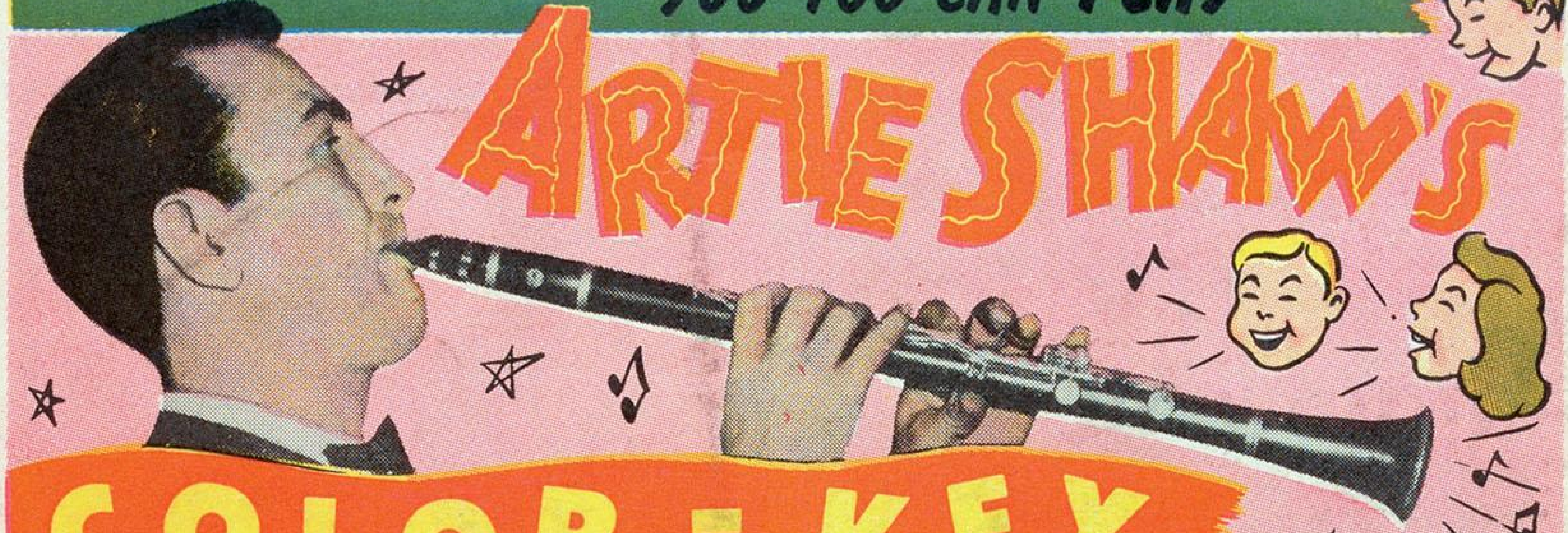

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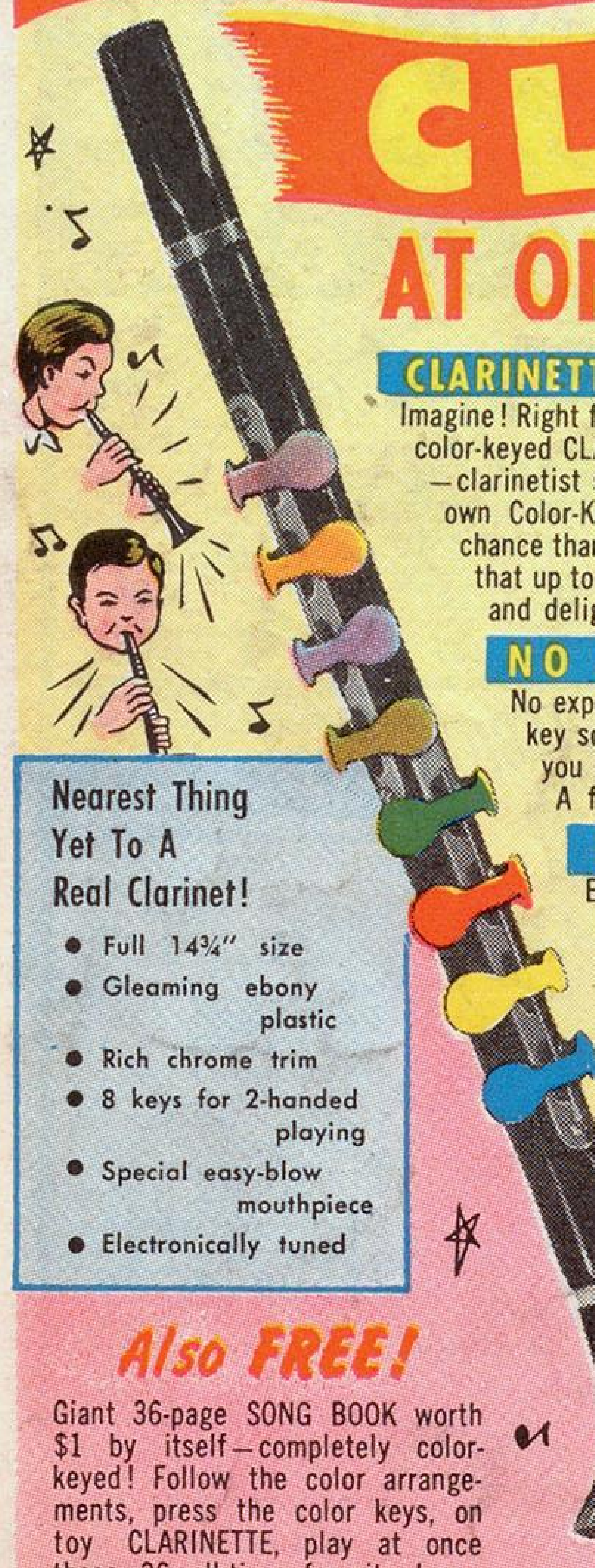

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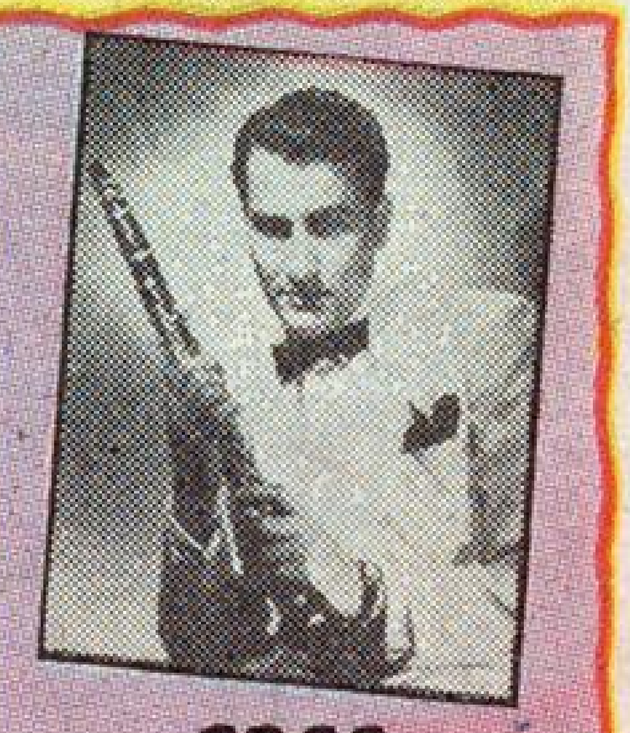

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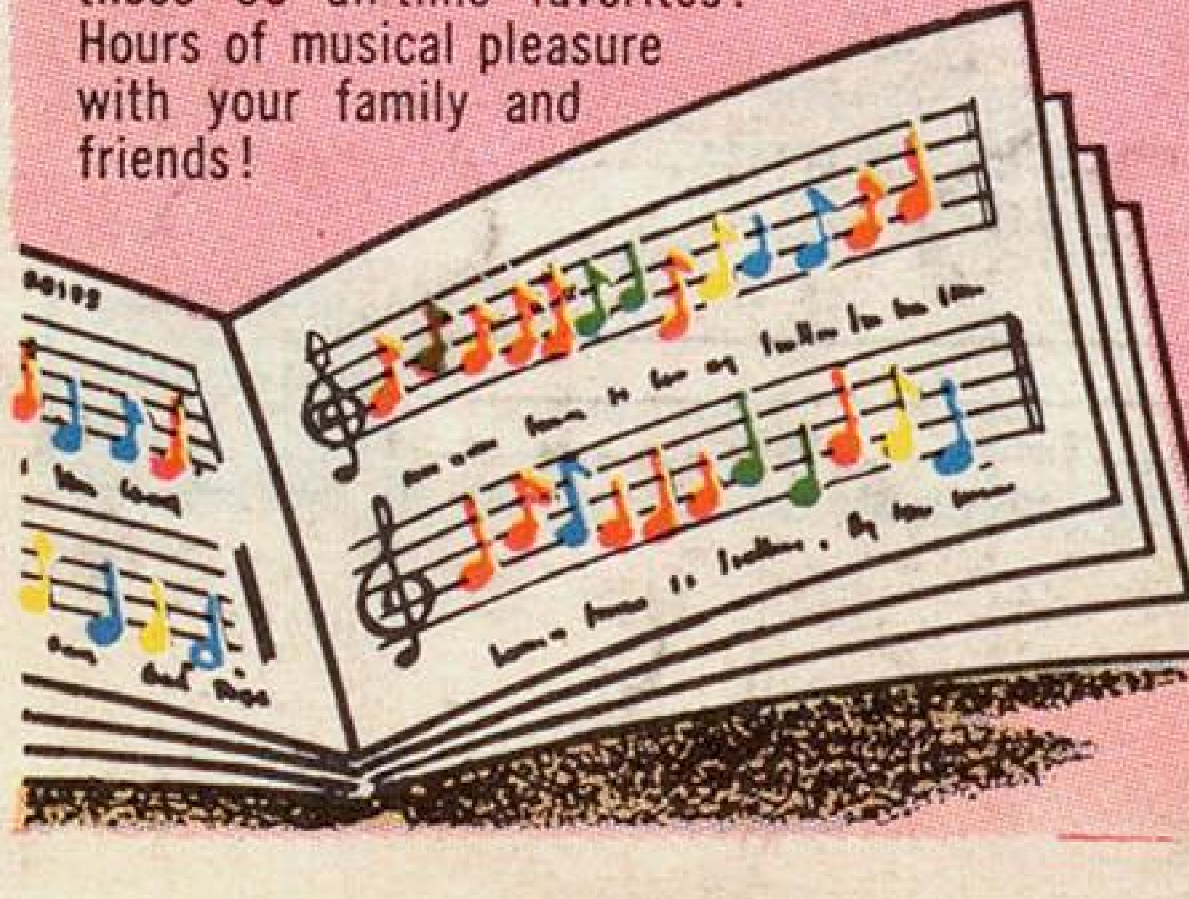

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